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LATEST OUTRAGE.

PIRATES SEIZE B. & S. STEAMER.

"Sunning" Set Ablaze.

REPORTED STERN RESISTANCE—"SOMEONE WOUNDED."

Having been pirated and set afire by the pirates in consequence, it is thought, of the determined resistance put up by the officers, the China Navigation (Butterfield and Swire) steamer "Sunning," a coastal vessel engaged on the run between Shanghai and Hong Kong, was discovered in the early hours of this morning by H.M.S. "Bluebell" off Chelang Point, between Amoy and Hong Kong, in distress.

Wireless messages briefly recording this fact and that two other China Navigation vessels are standing by to render assistance, in addition to H.M.S. "Bluebell," were received in Hong Kong this morning.

The "Sunning" was on her way from Shanghai to Hong Kong with European passengers on board and the usual coastal cargo. The vessel left Amoy yesterday morning.

No news of any casualties has been received, beyond the brief reference to someone having been wounded, nor is it possible to tell at the moment the extent of the damage.

When discovered, the upper works of the ship were afire but determined efforts were being made to get the flames under control. As soon as the news was received in Hong Kong this morning, the Taikoo Dock tug was despatched to the scene to assist and to tow the disabled vessel to Hong Kong, should it be found necessary.

The value of the haul made by the pirates is not as yet known—in fact, particulars of any sort as to the piracy are lacking, but it is thought that the pirates looked as passengers at Shanghai.

When the "Sunning" was discovered by H.M.S. "Bluebell," which was on its way to Swatow from Hong Kong, the pirates had made good their escape.

Later, it is understood that the flames have been subdued. Owing to the heavy seas running, which has rendered access to the "Sunning" by vessels standing by extremely difficult, also to the fact that the wireless apparatus of the "Sunning" has been damaged, very few details can at present be given. It is understood authentically that "someone has been wounded" but that no deaths have as yet been reported.

The information at present received has been by means of signals from the damaged vessel and that accounts for its bareness of detail.

The two B. and S. vessels standing by are the "Kaying," proceeding northwards from Hong Kong, and the "Suiyang," proceeding southwards.

The "Sunning" will not arrive in Hong Kong to-day. The scene of the piracy and fire is some 80 miles distance from Hong Kong and the heavy seas render towing impracticable at present.

"THEY KILLED HIM."

GIRL'S PATHETIC APPEAL
IN COURT.

A VILLAGE FEUD.

"They killed my father; is not this court going to redress the grievances of my father?"

Bursting into sobs under the cross-examination of counsel, the young daughter of the man killed at Taihu village, New Territories, following a dispute between inhabitants of that village and those of Wang Chau, addressed the above appeal to the court.

Three men who are being tried on a charge of manslaughter before Mr. Justice Wood are being defended by Mr. C. G. Albaster K.C.

In the course of this morning's hearing, Mr. Albaster put it to the daughter of the man killed that deceased had been at the head of an opposing faction at the time he met his death. Counsel suggested that what happened was that two men from Wang Chau pursued three women who had been gathering pig fodder from a padi field, that deceased and a number of other men from Taihu went out and attacked them, and that one of the prisoners had then seized the spear that the deceased held and had laid about him in self defence.

This the witness denied, and said that there was a considerable body of men from Wang Chau, all of whom were armed. Four of them attacked her father when he remonstrated with them for chasing the women.

In reply to further questions, witness denied that the spear was one her father kept as a relic of the days before the establishing of police stations in the New Territories and when villagers had to defend themselves. Her father was not armed at the time he was attacked.

The case is proceeding.

SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

STRIKE NOW VIRTUALLY
ENDED.

Shanghai, Nov. 16.
Some strikers have been re-
placed.
Eight pickets have been arrested.
The strike is virtually ended.—
Reuter.

CANTON TRADE.

Shipping Boycott
Ceases.

CARGO ON THE MOVE.

Normal Relations Likely
Soon.

The "new" boycott is rapidly nearing its end and complete normal relations between Canton and Hong Kong should be restored within a few weeks.

The Canton Government, it will be recalled, promised to call the boycott off on October 10. Canton kept its word, and the pickets retired.

Then came the new boycott. This has never received official recognition, nor—as far as is known—any encouragement or help.

Two bodies were mainly active in the new boycott but a third was "interested." Ex-seamen agitators who wanted their jobs back and the Transport Union directed attention to passengers and traffic while the Economic Severance Association made investigation as to stocks of British goods in Canton.

As foreshadowed by reports published in the "China Mail" on Saturday, and confirmed yesterday, better counsels have now prevailed. The Transport men now want to work and will handle cargo from Hong Kong. The ex-seamen pickets have been pacified and have abandoned their "peaceful blockade."

The merchants who supported the Severance Committee are not nearly so prominent as the more sensible who have argued that it is treason against the Kuomintang to hinder the resumption of communications, that being now the policy of the Party.

From the outset, leading Chinese traders who have been in touch with the "China Mail" and whose views have been given prominence in these columns were confident that the strike, boycott and blockade would be entirely settled, as all parties had to remain the goodwill of the Nationalist Government and the Government was in favour of trade.

Although the amount of cargo going up this morning (following the cancellation of the transport boycott) was comparatively small, the "China Mail" can give only the same reason as before, viz. pessimism and the usual desire to wait a few days to see the outcome.

The thin end of the wedge has now been inserted by those who wish to trade, and there is no reason why all ships, including British, should not be working again at Canton in a week or two.

The attention of malcontents having been diverted from the Steamboat Co.'s wharves in Canton, it is now predicted that the cargo-boats, coolies, etc., will not be reluctant to discharge and load British vessels at Canton.

Further news from Kongmoon is that the industrial dispute there was settled by the good offices of the Customs brokers. The coolies got one side of the business and the boatmen the other. Shipments are now moving freely between that port and Hong Kong and Kongmoon merchants are looking forward to a satisfactory settlement when the winter solstice comes round on Dec. 22.

"FRESH, CLOUDY."

TO-MORROW'S WEATHER
FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow the weather forecast for all the local districts is—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

At 11.05 a.m. the Observatory reported—Pressure has increased considerably over Central Japan, moderately over S.W. Japan and slightly over N.E. Japan. It has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly over Central China. It is nearly stationary elsewhere.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Metereological observation at 3 a.m. to-day:—Barometer 30.02; temperature 69; humidity 84; wind N.E.; force 3; weather overcast.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 1/16.

COAL HOPES.

Settlement Almost
Certain.

SOUTH WALES NOTES.

Change From United
Front.

Rugby, Nov. 15.
The first votes taken in the coalfields have been in favour of accepting the terms proposed by the Government for a settlement. Such decisions were reached at meetings of miners at Clydach Vale, Blaenavon, Garndiffaith, and Abertillery in South Wales.

The Miners' Councils of Yorkshire and Warwickshire have also decided by a big majority in favour of acceptance. It is noteworthy that in South Wales the men have preserved a more united front than in any other coalfield, and that the South Wales representatives voted for rejection of the Government proposals at the Delegate Conference held in London last Saturday.

The favourable decisions now recorded by the above mentioned South Wales districts may therefore, without undue optimism, be taken as indicating the probability of the settlement being accepted, not only in South Wales, but generally throughout the country.

Meanwhile, the number of miners returning to work maintains its steady daily increase. To-day's increase is 7,442, bringing the total men at work up to 336,153.—British Wireless Service.

A Majority Certain.

London, Nov. 16.
Reports from a number of coalfields indicate that a majority will be obtained for acceptance of the Government's plan.

The South Wales Miners' Federation has decided to accept the terms, "as a matter of loyalty to the Miners' Federation."

The Lancashire and Cheshire Federation endorsed the action of the conference federation delegates in supporting acceptance.

The Yorkshire Miners' Council met, presided over by Mr. Herbert Smith.

No statement was made after the meeting, but it is believed the proposals were overwhelmingly adopted.

The Derbyshire Council, after an eight hours' sitting, decided to refer the terms to the members with-
out any recommendation, but it is felt they will be accepted.

Over thirty collieries are already working in Northumberland.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

London, Nov. 15.
Extraordinary interest prevailed in a crowded police court at Renshaw, Derbyshire, when there were four summonses charging the M.P., Mr. Kirkwood, with breaking the emergency regulations in the course of speeches in Derbyshire villages on November 2.

The case was adjourned for a week on Mr. Kirkwood's application for time to prepare his defence, "in view of the great constitutional principles involved."—Reuter.

The Government Plan.

Rugby, Nov. 15.
The present week is generally expected to see the termination of the coal dispute. The miners' district associations are deciding whether to accept, as recommended by their delegates conference, the proposals for a settlement presented by the Government. All districts must decide before Thursday, and the results will be presented at the delegates conference on Friday.

Already in South Wales, at Blaenavon, Abertillery and Garndiffaith, the miners have voted in favour of acceptance, and other districts are expected to provide at least a majority for this course.

The Government proposals are designed to secure a standard form of agreement in every coalfield. Anything like exact equality is not the aim of the plan, but it perpetuates common principles and common factors for calculation of district wage rates, and virtually establishes a national minimum. It secures the working in the districts of machinery for regulation of wages above that minimum in accordance with the state of prosperity of the industry. It allows of some elasticity in the fixing of profits, and it assures continuance of the subsistence allowance. It provides for agreements of a duration of not less than three years. The standard agreement makes no reference to the length of the work-

CHINA PERILS.

Protecting British
Subjects.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S STANCE.

Questions in House of
Commons.

London, Nov. 15.
In the House of Commons, Sir H. Harry Brittain asked whether any effective form of co-operation existed between the Powers interested in the protection of the lives and property of their nationals in China.

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Austen Chamberlain, replied that the co-operation of the Powers was always practised as far as means permitted, but such co-operation was not subject to formal agreement.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added, in answer to a supplementary question, that practical co-operation had been secured quite recently.

Mr. H. W. Looker asked for an assurance that the British Government would not hesitate to take any steps necessary, not merely to ensure the protection and security of British subjects, but to ensure British rights of property and other British rights were not interfered with.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the Government would continue to do its best to protect British lives and interests.

Sir Austen Chamberlain told Mr. C. P. Trevelyan that the new British Minister, Mr. Miles Lampson, was proceeding to Peking.—Reuter.

"A SOW'S EAR."

CONSTABLE WHO SLEPT ON
DUTY.

MAKING AN EXAMPLE.

A Cantonese lukong, P.C.128, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in answer to a charge of sleeping on duty.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, conducted the case on behalf of the Police, and Mr. S. H. Loseby defended the accused.

His Worship asked Mr. Perdue whether it was not unusual to bring a man to the Magistracy for sleeping on duty. In reply, Mr. Perdue stated that the defendant had already been punished departmentally three times this year for the same offence. The Captain Superintendent of Police took a serious view of the case as the man was the only lukong at the police station at the time. A sergeant had found him there asleep. He had been instructed to press for a severe term of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Mr. Loseby said that he had examined the defendant at some length. He was obviously no use as a police officer and, in his opinion, it was a case of trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. He would ask the Bench to make an example of the man and no more.

The Magistrate: Six weeks' hard labour.

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YOUTH FINED FOR
OPIUM.

"Oh, you paid a fine of \$50 last month. We will try \$100 this time and see if you will pay that too," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a Chinese youth charged with being in possession of opium.

At the Marine court this morning, a junk master was fined \$16 for failing to exhibit regulation lights, and the master of a cargo boat fined \$5 for mooring against the s.s. "Dux" alongside 5 other boats.

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By Order.

C. B. BROWN.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th November, 1926.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

WILL Members who have not answered circular in connection with proposed St. George's Ball, kindly do so without further delay in order that the Committee may arrive at a decision. Hong Kong, 15th Nov., 1926.

HONG KONG WOMEN'S GUILD & MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE

ANNUAL FETE.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1926.

to be held in Government House Grounds.

(By kind permission of H.E. The Governor at 2 p.m.)

Owing to the fact that the Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Committee have fixed the date of their First Extra Race Meet in November on the 6th of that month, the President of the H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. has decided in the best interests of all concerned to postpone the M.C.L. Fete until Saturday, November 20th, as His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi have very graciously and kindly consented to allow the date to be changed. The Fete will be opened by Lady Clementi at 2 p.m.

Wonderful Side Shows and many attractions. The Pastoral Play (produced by Mrs. Chater (the Dances of which are being arranged by Miss Violet Capell) will be held from 3 to 4.30 p.m.—weather permitting.

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Hong Kong, 2nd November, 1926.

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SEARCHING SHIPS.

HOW FOREIGN ANGER IS PROVOKED.

The daily Press is often accused, says the "C. C. Post," of picking on some unimportant incident and bringing it to the attention of the public in such a way as to magnify its proportions. It may appear a small thing; but a small thing which, if not dealt with, will cause a bigger thing to happen. Hence the prominence given to it in the hope that, once exposed, the matter will be put right in the interest of the public generally.

Take for instance the seemingly small episode connected with the firing on shipping and the searching of passenger boats above and below Hankow. It was a small thing when weighed against the more important events that were transpiring. To those who had the whole business of preserving international amity in hand such a detail might appear to be so unimportant as to be better left alone. What mattered it that unkempt and ill-mannered soldiers should come prowling about among foreign passengers who had nothing whatever to do with the fighting? It was but a delay of half-an-hour or so, but an unpleasant incident at the beginning or end of a journey that would otherwise prove eventless. That those who did the searching were trained for war but without any previous training in the art of "searching" was negligible. A detail. And once attacked in the public Press it was distorted out of all recognition. But was it? Something had got into the cogs of the social machine which we call international friendship. Leave it there, unattended to, and who knows what might happen.

The inevitable result is seen. Those below Hankow, at Kio-metre Ten, got tired of the game, and stop the perfunctory search. No sooner is this done than soldiers, off Hwangchow, without authority or excuse, board a British steamboat, s.s. "Luenho," early on Friday morning last, while passengers are dressing and armed to the teeth, burst into a cabin in which a lady is dressing, without even a preliminary knock at the door, or attempt to get into a bathroom which is being used. It raised doubtless, an idiotic laugh in the case of those with minds to see something "funny" in the incidents; but in the case of those who suffered the indignity and of every decent-minded man and woman in Hankow it created a very different sort of feeling. S.S. "Kungwo" reports a similar search.

This is one of the unimportant details which the Press mentions; not to magnify them out of all proportion, but to try and galvanise those who have the public interests to take care of—and for which purpose they are well paid by taxpayers in the home-lands—to do their bare duty.

Take another "detail" contained in the telegrams: the death from typhoid, brought on by privations during the siege of Sian, of Mrs. Shorrocks. For six months these American and British missionaries were exposed to all the horrors of siege including bombardment, starvation, and pestilence. So great was the fear of doing anything contrary to the policy of "conciliation" that practically, nothing was done by officialdom to look after the interests of their nationals. It is symptomatic of a disease which needs the most drastic treatment. The missionary body may not ask for it; but in the name of humanity we state the case and press home the indictment.

AT THE STAR.

"CONDUCTOR 1492" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

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Terry does not find the work irksome, for what with beating off such passengers that offer resistance to his requests, flirting with the ladies and various other funny pleasantries, time passes quickly. But one day he performs an act of great bravery in saving the life of the son of the president of the traction company, which brings Terry into the limelight. He meets the president's daughter and then things take on a different outlook for him.

The supporting cast includes such favourites as "Doris" May, Dorothy Burns, "Michael" Dark, Ruth Renick, Robert Cain, Dan Mason, Fred Esmerton and Byron Sage. Direction is by his brother, Charles Hines, and Frank Griffen. It is a Warner Brothers classic of the screen.

PARTY POLITICS.

VICEROY'S INTERESTING SPEECH.

Lahore, October 21.—Lord Irwin, speaking at a dinner given by the President and members of the Punjab Legislative Council, made important observations regarding party politics.

He said: "We feel reverence for the State, for the civil authority and for old institutions. We certainly reverence great men, and reverence for tradition is a great safeguard in politics. It reminds us that the history of our nation is an organic whole, that the present is the offspring of the past, and that what we are ourselves we owe to the efforts, achievement, and failures of those who went before us."

"For myself I have the tradition of my grandfather behind me, and it gives me a peculiar pleasure and interest to think that I am adding a stone here and there to the structure he helped to build. It is by such recollections as these that we are reminded of them. As we are heirs of the preceding generations, so we are the architects of posterity, and a salutary check is placed upon those who would destroy in the mere hope of being able to rebuild something from the debris."

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A TOUR OF CHINA.

VISCOUNT KEIGO KIYOURA INTERVIEWED.

At the Taikinya Garden on Dixwell Road, Shanghai, on November 1, Viscount Keigo Kiyoura, ex-Premier, who arrived from Tientsin in the morning, was buttonholed by a number of local Japanese Pressmen in connection with what he observed during his tour of inspection in North Manchuria as well as North China. Though nearly an octogenarian, the ex-Premier is still hale and vigorous, and also an excellent talker. In the course of his statement, Viscount Kiyoura said: "The object of our visit to China this time, has no political significance whatever. Before the Restoration, I visited this country twice, this being the first time for me to come since China became a Republic. Starting from Tokyo on September 16 we passed through Korea and Manchuria, in the latter we went as far as Tsitsihar. Compared with Harbin, which we also visited, Tsitsihar seems to be showing less prosperity. As the commercial centre of that region, Harbin ranks the first with bright prospects and can be well compared with Shanghai as a flourishing port. On our way down here, we had interviews with many prominent representative personages, militarists, and statesmen, in the cities through which we passed. Among the rest, at Tientsin, we exchanged opinions on the present situation in China, with veteran statesmen such as Li Yuan-hung, ex-President of the Republic, Hsu Hsi-chang, Marshal Tuan Chih-jui, and others. They had apprehensions regarding the future of China, which is constantly visited by political upheavals, followed by hostilities. To bring about the prompt unification of this country was the hope expressed most earnestly by all. But, at a time something like the age of rival chiefs, I think it almost impossible for them to realise their ideal, as they lack actual influence at the present moment. Can China, Northern and Southern, be unified in the future is really an open question. On this I might say that this can not be done as long as both rivals have quite opposing principles, the former with the "Anti-Communism" ensign, and the latter, Three People Theory, coloured with "Red" as their flagman."

Changing the subject, the ex-Premier stated that the Japan Journalistic Association, of which Viscount Kiyoura is a President, has a plan to hold a mass meeting of Pressmen in Shanghai next year, probably at the end of August or the beginning of September.—"Shanghai Mercury."

MISS GIBSON'S CASE.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR PRESENTS CASE.

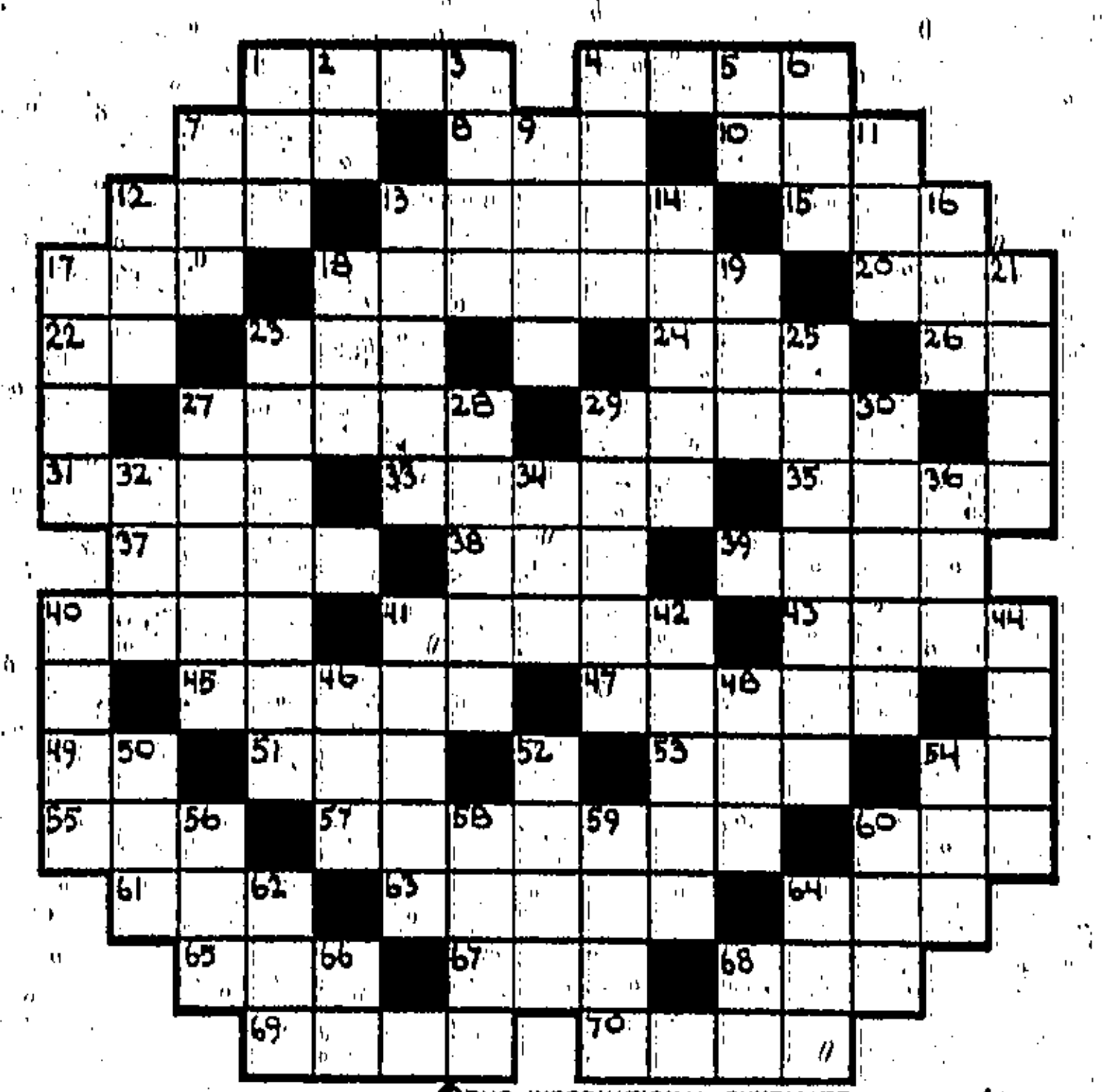
Rome, October 26.—According to the newspapers the Public Prosecutor yesterday presented the case for the prosecution in the trial of Miss Violet Gibson on the charge of attempting the life of Signor Mussolini last April.

The newspapers state that Miss Gibson, cross-examined, declared that she had met the Opposition Deputy and ex-Minister in the Fascist Government who showed her photographs of Signor Mussolini. Finally, he handed her a revolver and asked her if she knew what she should do with it. She replied that she did. Subsequently she withdrew her accusation against the Deputy and said she had been in touch with French anti-Fascists and had acted on their instructions throughout.

Legal experts state that no weight should be given to her statements.—"Times of Ceylon."

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and ditho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-A tile | 40-Consoling | 16-Prohibit |
| 4-Small, amphibious animal | 61-Rodent | 17-Medieval instrument of torture |
| 7-Large receptacle for coal | 64-Exist | 18-Bring suit |
| 8-Restrain by fear | 65-Seed case | 19-Regret |
| 10-Massage | 67-Holding petals | 21-Oncoke |
| 12-A mean little dwelling | 68-Is able | 23-Vicenary |
| 13-Salty | 69-March | 25-Culled |
| 15-Rabble | 69-To take apart the threads of | 27-Semi-darkness |
| 17-Small carpet | 69-Negative adverb | 28-Savage animal |
| 18-Thin | 69-Enclosure | 29-Mind |
| 20-Small compact mass | 69-Sanctuary | 30-Tardier |
| 22-Part of verb "to be" | 69-Pitch | 32-Past time |
| 23-Swing | 70-Piece for two performers | 34-Rocket |
| 24-Drag | VERTICAL | 36-Body of water |
| 26-Negative | 1-Small portion | 40-Fall |
| 27-Noble | 2-Upon | 41-Turn aside |
| 29-Incoherence | 3-Risk | 42-Device picture support |
| 31-Variety of enbagg | 4-Ward off | 44-At that time |
| 33-Rise and fall of the ocean (pl.) | 5-Conjunction | 46-Spigit |
| 35-Comfort | 6-Preparation for, chewing | 48-To run about |
| 37-Spur on | 7-Insect | 50-Watch charm |
| 38-Intoxicated liquor | 11-To bend | 52-Hole in a hillside |
| 39-The top of the head | 12-Sing softly | 54-Back |
| 40-Fate | 13-Cry of a lamb | 56-Put on |
| 41-Thick | 14-Sharp, crying bark of a dog (pl.) | 58-A flat cord |
| 43-Trim | | 59-Loan |
| 46-Me | | 60-A light bird |
| 47-Are | | 62-Obtain |
| | | 64-Convulsion |
| | | 66-Toward |
| | | 68-Pronoun |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Nelson, Nathan Road, Kowloon, from Shanghai.

Prayoon Shuslam, from Tokyo.

Kitty Simpson, Hong Kong Hotel, from Shanghai.

Bengkie Chawie, from Amoy.

Bengkie Mercury, from Amoy.

Caldwell, Harry Care Socony, from Duluth Minnesota.

Creighton Roys, from Shanghai.

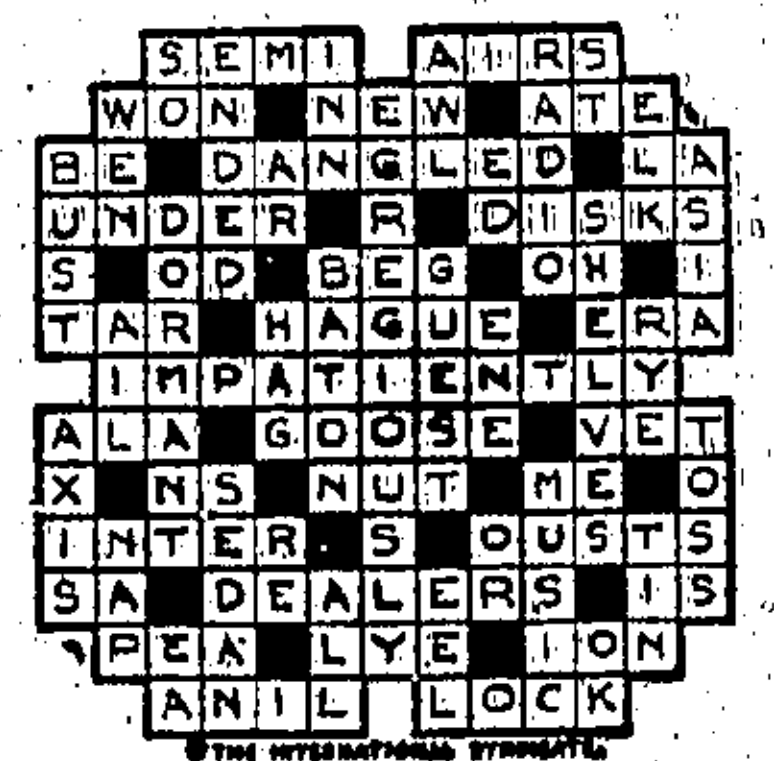
Mrs. C. D. Wilson, from Framington Mass, c/o American Consul.

Nissikisen, from Amoy.

S. BLACK, Acting Superintendent.

Hong Kong Station, Nov. 11, 1926.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 4, 1926:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tyiam	30'10" B.	33'3" B.
Tyiam Bywash	28'5" B.	33'3" B.
Tyiam Intermediate	11' A.	Level
Tyiam Tuk	8'11" B.	0'8" B.
Wong Nei Chung	14'4" B.	11'5" B.
Pokfulum	13'4" B.	5'4" B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tyiam	174.58	339.22
Tyiam Bywash	35	11.76
Tyiam Intermediate	202.08	195.90
Tyiam Tuk	1,251.92	1,405.88
Wong Nei Chung	14.36	17.15
Pokfulum	37.32	54.88

Total 1,880.50 2,024.23

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	258.80	258.89
Estimated Population	305,580	405,900
per day (gallons)	21.0	20.6

Full Supply in all Hiller Main Districts during October 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	5'10" B.	0'1" B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	8'1" B.	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	294.48	331.63
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	82.48	100.80

382.90 432.43

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.64
Estimated population	152,260	157,200
per day (gallons)	15.8	19.1

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SANTOS MARU Sunday, 5th December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

HEINAN MARU Sunday, 21st November.

SHINOH MARU Wednesday, 24th November.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MONBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SANUKI MARU Thursday, 25th November.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Saturday, 27th November.

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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

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JAPAN PORTS.

SUMATRA MARU Tuesday, 16th November.

ALTAI MARU Friday, 19th November.

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FAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 18th Nov., 8 a.m.

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CANTON PIRATES.

ATTACK RUSSIAN BOAT AT WHAMPOA.

NEAR THE ACADEMY.

Chinese reports state that a steamer bound from Shanghai to Canton via Swatow, the identity of which has not yet been ascertained, but which is believed to belong to the Soviet Steamship Co. of Canton, was pirated in the neighbourhood of Whampoa (Canton River) on Tuesday evening last, Nov. 11.

According to the reports, the vessel was carrying a full cargo, together with about thirty passengers. Engine trouble developed near Whampoa causing the captain to cast anchor. Under cover of darkness—about 2 a.m.—a number of bandits boarded the ship, covered the officers with their revolvers and held up the passengers demanding surrender of all valuables. It is stated that apart from actual cash, some \$10,000 worth of jewellery or property was seized.

It is believed that the authorities have secured information as to the particular gangs who participated in the raid who are understood to be rivals—this, it is hoped, will assist in bringing the miscreants to book.

Another report gives the locality as within hail of the famous Whampoa Cadet Academy.

[The Soviet S.S. Co. is believed to be a Sino-Russian mercantile concern with control over a number of old coast freighters and/or tramps.]

PIRATE'S \$3,500 HAUL.

FROM YAUMATI—SWATOW JUNK.

One of the returned crew from a junk which was pirated on its way from Yaumati to Kit Shek (Swatow) on October 26 has given to the Water Police the details of the piracy which resulted in the pirates getting away with a cargo valued at \$3,554.

The piracy occurred when the vessel was about a mile east of Wai-lam the methods used being similar to those which have been successfully adopted by Bin Bay pirates in the case of larger vessels. The pirates, having booked as passengers, overpowered the master and crew at a given signal and the junk was then turned about and sailed in the direction of Macao.

The pirated junk was later met by another to which the captured cargo was transhipped. The crew of the captured junk were held in captivity at Ko Lan and were forced to work in the fields under escort, according to their report. Later, some of them were given 60 cents and allowed to go to Macao.

According to the report made to the Water Police, one of members of the junk's crew and a fourth passenger are still held for ransom.

CONTRABAND.

KOWLOON PROSECUTION ADJOURNED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, two Chinese boatmen were charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil with being in possession of five barrels of gun powder, 618 detonators and 98 dynamite fuses and with transporting same without permission.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared on behalf of the first defendant and Mr. J. M. Remedies represented the second.

After hearing evidence of arrest, His Worship adjourned the case for a special hearing.

SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INFORMATION.

The Admiral Oriental liner "President Madison" arrived here yesterday afternoon from Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, and brought 1,107 tons of cargo, consisting of flour, cotton goods, and provisions for discharge here. She also brought 733 bags of mail for Hong Kong. She has on board the cargo of the "President Harrison," which ran aground a week ago off Bonham Island. She will sail this afternoon for Manila with cargo and passengers.

From Leith, Antwerp, London and the Straits, the Ben line steamer "Bendora" is expected to arrive here on November 20 with cargo and European mail for discharge here. She will sail for Shanghai after loading.

With a cargo of 11,250 tons of petroleum, the s.s. "India Arrow" of the Standard Oil Co. arrived here from San Francisco. She is discharging her cargo and will sail for San Diego after loading here.

With 25 first-cabin passengers, cargo and Siberian mail, the Japanese steamer "Shinyo Maru" left at noon to-day, for San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan.

With cargo and mail, the steamer "Hydrangea" left yesterday afternoon for Kwong-chow-wan. She will load cargo, poultry and livestock from there for Hong Kong.

The American freighter "West Nomentum" of the Columbia Pacific Shipping Co. arrived here yesterday afternoon from Portland, Oregon, via the Philippines. She brought 348 gunnies of sugar for Hong Kong. She also has on board 2,900 tons of cargo consisting of copra, hemp and tobacco from the Philippines for discharge in America. The "West Nomentum" encountered very rough weather on her way from the Philippines to Hong Kong. She will sail this afternoon for Japan with mail from Hong Kong.

With 221 bags of mail and general cargo for Hong Kong, the Dutch steamer "Tijssoren" arrived here yesterday morning from Shanghai. She will load here and will sail for Batavia on November 18.

From Shanghai, the s.s. "Ting Sang" of the Indo-China S. N. Co. arrived here this morning with a cargo of 1,848 tons of general cargo and 3 bags of mail. She is scheduled to sail for Shanghai via Swatow on November 23.

The local office of the C.P.R. has been advised that the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at noon and left that port this morning for Kobe where she is due to-morrow morning.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Tokyo, November 6. — The "Ishikari Maru," carrying a cargo of oilcans from Saghalien, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The crew was saved.

Whilst forty passengers were crossing the Nogami River in Northern Japan this morning, the ferryboat capsized. Twenty people were rescued and six bodies recovered.

It is feared that the remainder were drowned as they were mainly peddlers carrying heavy bundles strapped to their backs.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers who arrived yesterday per Admiral Oriental liner "President Madison" from Seattle via Ports:—

For Hong Kong: Mr. H. Angelo, Mr. J. C. Bennett, Mrs. G. N. Billings, Mr. J. D. Bolton, Mr. R. C. Burdick, Mr. E. S. Bull, Miss Carneiro, Mr. C. Ming, Mrs. P. K. Coons, Mr. J. Coulthart, Mrs. J. Danenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deakin, Miss A. Drake, Mrs. W. C. Dodds, Mr. R. L. Dunbar, Mrs. G. Farias, Miss F. Farias, Mrs. H. E. Goodwin, Miss G. Goodwin, Mr. M. G. S. Jong, Mr. T. K. King, Mr. W. Koo, Mr. Kwok Za-non, Mr. W. L. Kum, Mr. T. T. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lee, Mrs. N. A. Legg, Mr. Leung Koon-chuen, Mr. W. Lindeberg, Mr. S. R. Lowder, Mr. E. F. MacKie, Miss A. H. MacLean, Mr. W. C. Murray, Mrs. I. Oliveira, Miss I. Oliveira, Mrs. M. Oliveira, Master M. Oliveira, Mr. Pang Chow, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pattullo, Mrs. C. L. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pfeiffer, Mr. K. H. Pung, Mr. H. M. Richards, Miss A. Rochester, Mr. Shek Mel-sang, Miss M. Strider, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tai, Major Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Tsang Kwong, Master A. Tsang, Miss B. Tsang, Mr. Tsang Doon, Mr. W. T. Watts-Evans, Dr. and Mrs. V. J. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wohlwend, Mr. R. Wong, Mr. C. S. Wong, Mr. Wong Kien-tse, Mr. Wong Kolt-shan, Mr. Z. T. Wong, Miss T. K. Wu, Mr. K. Wu, Mr. J. H. Yen, Mr. H. L. Yung, Miss Yung, Mr. Lee Aug, Mr. D. J. Barnes, Lt. and Mrs. J. Billo, Mr. E. E. Ching, Mr. C. D. Clinch, Mr. T. P. Cochran, Miss J. Corbett, Capt. J. Enoch, Mrs. C. N. Elder, Mrs. F. Grover, Master C. Grover, Master E. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hayes, Mrs. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Lt. Kirtland, Mr. K. Nagai, Mr. H. G. Nolan, Miss E. O'Brien, Mrs. W. K. Phillips, Mrs. Rajston, Mr. K. Sakai, Mrs. N. B. Soiner, Mr. E. L. Story, Major and Mrs. W. B. Sullivan, Mr. V. Thompson, Mr. S. Takaki and Mr. and Mrs. Walthell.

MARINE WARNING.

The harbour master warns shipping that during the course of a survey now in hand in the approaches to Hong Kong by the H.M.S. "Troquois" it will be necessary to lay out one or two floating surveying beacons to the North westward of Cap Rock.

These beacons will not be lighted at night and they will probably be laid out during the third week of November. Their exact positions will be announced later as soon as they are in position.

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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	Feb. 11
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 1
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	Apr. 17	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8	May 8	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	May 29	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19	June 19	June 19
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 22	July 31	July 31	July 31

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SEMPORNA	Departure	THURSDAY	November 25.
LAHAD DATU	Arrival	FRIDAY	November 26.
SANDAKAN	Departure	SATURDAY	November 27.
JAMBOANG	Arrival	SUNDAY	November 28.
JESSELTON	Departure	TUESDAY	November 30.
HONG KONG	Arrival	WEDNESDAY	December 1.
JESSELTON	Departure	THURSDAY	December 2.
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DELTA	8,097	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACE DONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE	8,353	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MIRZAPUR	9,135	30th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NYANZA	9,135	30th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KALYAN	11,089	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KASHMIR	8,353	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NELLORE	8,353	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,918	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NYANZA	9,135	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	10,941	19th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACE DONIA	11,089	2nd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KARMA	9,128	15th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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TALMA	10,000	27th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	9,135	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,353	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKLIV	7,936	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKADA	8,949	14th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	11,089	15th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANTUA	10,918	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NELLORE	8,353	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,065	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,941	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	9,135	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACE DONIA	11,089	4th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MALWA	10,941	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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FIRE AT SEA.

SEVEN HOURS' BATTLE.

Adelaide, October 14.—A fire of seven hours duration raged on the British-India steamer "Janus" from 2.50 a.m. yesterday morning. One hundred tons of burning cargo was jettisoned, and the heat buckled large steel plates on the port side of the steamer, and on the shelter deck. The fire was discovered in No. 3 hold, when the vessel was 60 miles west of the Neptune Islands, the flames being seen among the bales of kapok and cornsacks. The ship was on her way to Port Adelaide from Calcutta, and a gale was raging. Two other steamers, the "Camaria" and the "Miluna," came to her side, but their assistance was unnecessary, and after a hard fight the flames were subdued and the "Janus" made her way to Port Adelaide, where she arrived this morning.

A crisis of alarm from the "Lascars" who discovered the fire, and who worked well in helping to extinguish it, aroused the passengers and the remainder of the crew. The stern of the vessel was kept to the wind so as to minimise the draught, and six lines of hose were employed. The heavy seas hurled the fire fighters about as they worked to quell the flames, which were licking greedily over the cargo, and they suffered considerable discomfort in coming to close quarters with the fire, the smoke of which filled the whole vessel. It was 9.30 a.m. before there was any sign of the fire, being under control. Hundreds of tons of water were poured into the hold by the crew working under the direction of Messrs. A. Drummond (chief officer), J. H. Curry (third officer), and E. C. West (extra third officer). A door in the side of the hold used for loading horses was opened, and the blazing bales propelled through it into the sea. The Master (Captain S. S. Atkins) and the Second Officer (Mr. H. Harrison), remained on the bridge throughout. No injuries were received in the fire-fighting, although many men, sustained severe blisters from the heat, while others suffered from eye trouble caused by the smoke. The surgeon on the vessel, assisted by several passengers, stood by with bandages and eye lotion, and, wellcome, relief was given when each man came up from the burning hold.

Captain Atkins stated to-day that the weather experienced on the voyage from India was the worst he had met with during his long acquaintance with the sea. The boat left Calcutta on September 13, and forced her way through a fierce cyclone in the Bay of Bengal. After having been hove to for 4 hours, she proceeded to Singapore and Banjawanj where a big consignment of bananas for Fremantle was taken aboard and stowed on the deck. On October 4, when a day's sail from the latter port, another hurricane, was encountered. A great deal of the cargo was swept into the sea, ladders were carried away, and cabins were flooded. Tempestuous weather followed the "Janus" across the Bight, and the fire was the climax.

The cargo jettisoned, and that damaged by fire and water, included merchandise for Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney. A general average will be declared. A complete survey of the damage has not yet been made. In the lower hold bales of cornsacks were damaged by salt water, which found its way through the charged hatch cover into the lower hold.

MARITIME LAW.

DECISION OF ANTWERP TRIBUNAL.

The Belgian str. "Lys" was navigating on the Scheldt, says "Fairplay," when, in order to avoid a barge which was cutting across her bow, and which she would most probably have sunk, she suddenly reversed engines, and, whilst going full speed astern, bumped against the pier of Dock, a village on the Scheldt, thereby causing some damage, for the payment of which the Doel Common Council sued the owners of the steamship "Lys" before the Antwerp Tribunal of Commerce.

The "Lys" was held responsible and condemned in damages, although the experts came to the conclusion that the barge was wholly responsible, her skipper having carried out a manoeuvre contrary to the most elementary rules of navigation. The judgment, which has been much commented upon, is based on the obligation of everyone to abstain from causing damage to someone else's property. By virtue of this principle, so reads the judgment, the "Lys" had to respect the pier, and not having done so, must repair the damage caused to the plaintiffs, irrespective of whether there is or not a third party who by an error of navigation was primarily responsible for the accident having taken place.

The Judge admitted that the plaintiffs could have held that there were two parties responsible, towards them for the damage suffered. He added, however, that the fault of the barge does not exclude the fault which is personal to the defendants, nor does it entitle them to claim that the fault which they committed is not imputable to them and they have not to answer for it, as it is laid down by jurisprudence that if damage is caused by several persons, the victim is entitled to claim compensation from one of them.

To sum up, the fact of the defendant master having preferred to cause possible damage to the pier rather than sink a barge, in other words, the fact of his having chosen the lesser of two evils, does not exonerate him from responsibility, because it does not exclude his fault.

Commenting on this decision, the "Jurisprudence Review," which is edited by well known solicitors, inter alia, points out that "if through respect for the pier and in defence of humanity, the 'Lys' had continued her course, passed over the barge and drowned the occupants, the master would have been condemned for homicide caused by imprudence. The 'Review' further mentions that the Ghent Court of Appeal delivered two months ago a judgment in a contrary sense in an identical case, and therefore it is most probable that the judgment against the 'Lys' will be appealed from.

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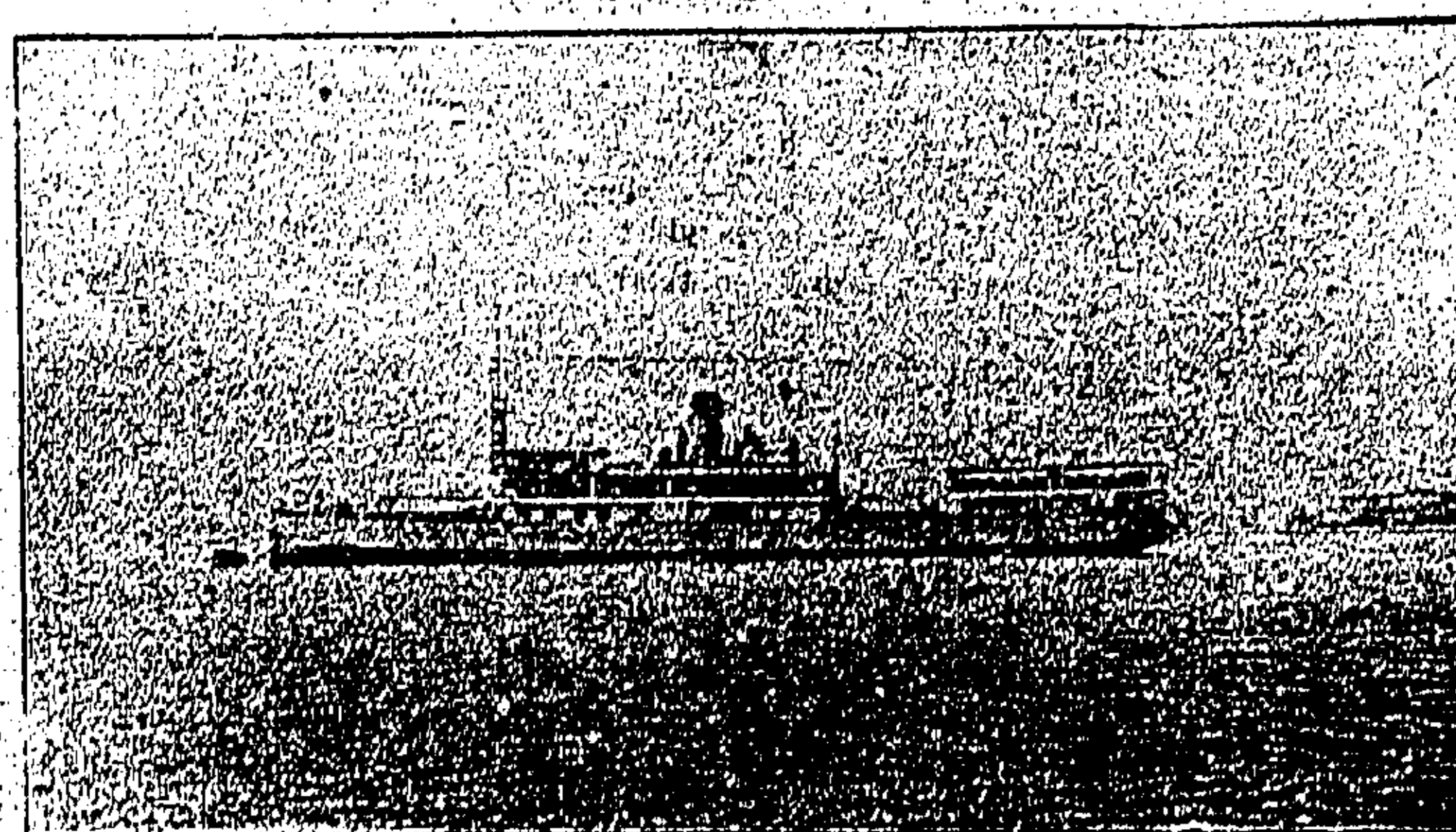
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HELPING THE POLICE.

In the records of the local Police Force there is no more tragic phrase than "Might have been." Prosecution after prosecution might have been successful--only that the very material point of Chinese assistance was lacking. Criminal after criminal might have been tracked to earth--but for the lamentable fact that Chinese who could have assisted the Police were seized with a timidity that overwhelmed all considerations, including adequate protection for the Chinese themselves. Many a Chinese ruffian might have been caught red-handed--but for the sheer obstinacy of the victimised Chinese in preserving a stolid silence for fear of some imaginary consequences or from dread of being brought into active touch with the Police. There are hundreds--if not indeed thousands--of Chinese who regard the Police not as guardians of the law and deterrents to evil-doers, but as some strange terror to be avoided as the plague. Such is human nature--of the average Chinese of the lower classes.

Alongside "Might have been" the Chief Justice at yesterday's Criminal Sessions placed the equally significant word "If." Commenting on the "hold up" of a Chinese couple at Glenalee His Lordship remarked that "if more people would act as these gentlemen did we would not have so many of these cases." The story that led to this observation is simply told. The Chinese couple in question were accosted by a Chinese at the point of a revolver (subsequently discovered to be a toy one), and whilst the girl was handing over her valuables her male companion seized the ruffian. The girl's screams attracted two Europeans and they rushed to the scene and helped to overpower the desperado, who well merited his sentence of three years' imprisonment.

This, of course, is a departure from the average Chinese psychology. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the Chinese victim

would have handed over all their valuables and permitted their assailant to depart. If subsequently questioned by the Police they would have suddenly developed an attack of forgetfulness as to the personal appearance of the criminal. "All the king's horses and all the king's men" could not extract from them one word to assist the Police in their work of endeavouring to trace the desperado. Thus is the task of the Police magnified unnecessarily. Thus do criminals get off scot-free. Thus is justice frustrated--all for the lack of, a little co-operation on the part of the Chinese victims with the Police. It is a curious trait indeed, but, so long as Chinese human nature is what it is, it is hopeless to expect anything better. A time may come when the average Chinese will wake up to the fact that he owes a duty to himself and to the community to help and not to hinder the Police. Meanwhile we can only welcome an exception to the rule when it is disclosed in Court and re-echo the sentiments of the Chief Justice as so ably expressed yesterday.

Shipping Boycott.

The news that the shipping boycott at Canton has been called off is of the first importance, alike for the immediate impetus it will give to trade between Hong Kong and Canton, and for the hope it holds out that all obstacles to trade between the two ports are about to disappear. There has been no doubt for some time now that the Canton Government has been sincerely trying to end the boycott. That it has not succeeded before this has been due in large measure to the strength of the pickets. The Canton Government has felt it wiser to play the waiting game rather than to take any drastic steps which might be interpreted as an affront to Labour. The waiting game has paid up to the point that the shipping boycott has now been called off. Let us hope it will prove as effective with the remainder of the pickets. Once these gentry have been removed, there will remain no further obstacles to unrestricted trade, now that ships of all flags are at liberty to trade to Canton once more. That unrestricted trade is what both ports require needs no saying--the greater the prosperity of Hong Kong, the greater the prosperity of Canton, and vice versa, is a local axiom that becomes clearer every month. The intelligent classes in both ports realize that fully, and it remains only to impress it upon the minds of such pickets as are still active at Canton, or if that cannot be done, to remove those pickets without further argument.

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BELGIUM'S TACTICAL ERROR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, Nov. 8.
China's abrogation of the Sino-Belgian treaty is almost the sole topic of conversation in Peking to-day, though the last half-week has not been without other incidents of interest and importance.

The Koo Cabinet was undoubtedly in disfavour with most of the Press and public before the treaty was abrogated. The radicals felt that Dr. Wellington Koo had not been vehement enough about Wanhien, and that the dragging on of Belgian negotiations would lead to no place.

Then, without warning, came the abrogation of the treaty with Belgium, and at a stroke of the pen all Belgians and Belgian interests in China lost extraterritorial rights. The resultant chorus of approval for Dr. Wellington Koo, Foreign Minister and Acting Premier, and for the Regency Cabinet, has been tremendous. Young China feels that a beginning has been made toward ridding the nation of the "unequal treaties."

But there is another side to the picture. The more sober-minded Chinese, and all of the Legation Quarter, feel that the Chinese Government (so-called by courtesy) has made a grave mistake. The trouble is that China is a signatory to "treaties which put her under obligation to submit to the Hague Tribunal precisely such disputes as that which resulted in the abrogation of the Belgian pact. Naturally the Legation Quarter, and of course the Home Governments of all countries having Ministers here, will interpret this step to mean that China has decided upon a course of treaty-breaking, and that, since the majority of the people approve of it, no agreement made with China will be held binding."

Another view widely held is that Belgium made a grave mistake in ever negotiating with the present government. The Tariff Conference will not be resumed until China has a responsible Government, and it is felt that Belgium made a mistake in negotiating with a Cabinet that has no real power outside the walls of Peking.

The Peking Government to-day, in the eyes of most of the Powers, is nothing but the archives of China in which to deposit the proper series of notes and protests. The present Cabinet, in international standing, is of no more importance than a post box in which to drop letters for a certain distant destination--only in this case the destination seems distant in time instead of in miles.

CORRESPONDENCE.

VOLUNTEERING.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir--Your correspondent "Civis Britannicus Sum" has raised a question which has been in the minds of many local residents for a long time, and I hope that the cap will fit many heads.

Whilst there are, undoubtedly, a number of "taipans" who will not go out of their way to make arrangements for their employees to attend camp, there are a number of cases where the men concerned do not take the trouble to ask for leave. To the latter I think it may be said that it is "up to them" to do their share, and this can be done by making provisional arrangements, subject, of course, to the "taipan's" approval. For instance, when a man knows that it will be necessary for him to get a substitute during his absence, he will find matters much easier if he discusses the matter with his colleagues before hand, and then goes to his "taipan" not only with a request for leave, but also in a position to say that so-and-so will be glad to help in his absence.

G. S. T.
Hong Kong, Nov. 15, 1926.

THE BRITISH BOXER INDEMNITY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir--The correspondence that has been appearing in your columns during the past few days in regard to America and Boxer Indemnity reminds one that surely it is high time that full particulars of the recommendations of Lord Willington's costly Mission to China were disclosed.

Many months have passed since the Mission concluded its work in China, and the noble Viscount, its Chairman, has already embarked upon his gubernatorial duties at Ottawa.

JOYS OF CAMP.

A Week-End Under Canvas.

VARIED DOINGS.

A Night Attack on a Village.

(By "A. Volunteer.")

Aye! A municipal, mud cairt turned over itself as day,
In a wee wee Cheenese village no' sae verra faur away,
An' when th' Gov'ment saw it, sure it tukked sae sweet an' damp,
They said 's'pose we tur-ra intae a military camp.

A rare time this, but what did we care? What with the pipes, and Thompson's glee party to render nocturnal serenades, who cared a bean for the mud? And the stentorian voice of the regimental sergeant-major? "Ow many more times d'ye want telling to hextinguish them there lights?"

To come down to hard tacks, we arrived at Fanling shortly after six on Friday to find the genial quarter-master had made excellent arrangements for our comfort. "Pete" Ramsay, and a party comprising Lieut.-Col. John Fletcher, and others had gone ahead earlier in the day and everything was in readiness when the Scottish Company, some fifty strong, headed by a piper, swung round the bend into camp. It did not take long to settle down into our tents and a glance at the notice board informed us that a long and intensive programme had been drawn up by the C.O. and we were "in for" a couple of days' hard work. A real live sergeant from the K.O.S.B.'s had been detailed for special instructional work and the programme formed the chief topic of conversation in the canteen until the welcome "cock house" call resounded through the air and we prepared ourselves to sample "Pete's" catering. An excellent repast, and we were satisfied that our "inner man" was in capable hands.

An hour or so in the canteen with a game or two of "pontoon" to while away the time, and we turned in in readiness for the following day's work.

A Strenuous Day.

Reveille at 6 a.m., a hurried shave and away to the Parade Ground in company with the Engineers for "physical" jerks under Captain Logan. Kit inspection was followed by breakfast after which each platoon went through a course on musketry under Sgt. Boyle of the K.O.S.B.'s. The Company was reformed at 11.15 when bayonet practice under the O.C. was indulged in for about 45 minutes.

An excellent tiffin, a short-rest and we set out across country in extended order formation for a rehearsal of a carefully drawn up scheme of attack for the following afternoon. This, however, as will be seen later, had to be abandoned on account of the weather. At 6.15 p.m. the Company set out on a night attack upon a village some two miles away, returning at 7.40, one and all ready for dinner. There were very few who were not thoroughly ready for sleep--"Sleep that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care...sore labour's bath...chief nourisher in life's feast,"--but that was not to be. One can only wish that wee Thompson and his glee singers had devoted their supplications to the God of Sunshine instead of to that prospective invalid of a certain door of which we heard so much. We welcomed what we thought was but a shower insofar as it put an end to the minstrel party, but the rain fell steadily throughout the night and during the following day, completely dislocating all arrangements.

The pouring rain and mud-sodden parade ground made physical jerks out of the question. We paraded according to schedule at 9 a.m. but adjourned to the canteen where Sgt. Boyle delivered an interesting lecture on the theory of rifle fire. This proved most instructive and to much advantage later in the day when, in spite of the firing with "tracer" ammunition.

A Rare Good Time.

Altogether a rare good time and one which should not have been missed. I think it will be generally agreed that all members owe a debt of gratitude to Captain Logan who, with the Adjutant, Captain Brownjohn, drew up a programme which, but for the slight alterations made necessary on account of the rain, was both instructive and entertaining. As already noted, the catering was most efficient and satisfactory carried out by Quartermaster Sergeant Ramsay. In fact, all in all, a very responsible job for the

CHINESE MUSIC.

WESTERN AND EASTERN TEMPERAMENTS.

COMING GRAND CONCERT.

Chinese music is certainly a fascinating subject at the present moment, and the human voice, for the love of which every artist helps to intensify, will always form a matter of human interest.

That Chinese music of the best quality, vocal or instrumental, is becoming popular among Chinese, may be seen by a visit to local ten-houses, which the majority of patrons day and night, frequent more for the music than for the refreshments offered.

In many homes gramophones are replacing regular instruments.

Chinese music is welcomed by merchants, students, workmen, shopkeepers, at marriage ceremonies, entertainments and social gatherings.

At the West Point restaurants, where European and American visitors are welcomed, Chinese music is also introduced, though some of it cannot be said to be creditable reproductions of the genuine thing.

According to the really accomplished Chinese musicians, the ordinary professionals do not represent the best type of musician.

Usually the ordinary Chinese will have no more respect for music than the ability of the musicians to render it. Skilled Chinese musicians, however, crave the art of employing sounds as a medium for artistic expression.

They aspire to impart through the medium of melodious sounds all their inner feelings and emotions as is the aim of other arts like painting and architecture.

Many instrumental musicians have now the habit of playing to the accompaniment of singers of their own selection; usually these singers are blind girls from Canton.

These blind girls, well trained to love the art rather than simply to fill an engagement, differ from the restaurant singers in that their songs are soft and sweet and better still, very harmonious when heard, to the accompaniment of the strains of true musicians.

An Important Question.

The careless players of so-called music so often appearing in public are really speaking, not musicians.

Those players on Chinese stages and popular halls also fail to interpret the Chinese music of the highest order.

It is also obvious that Western and Eastern musicians differ in temperament and it is a little backward on the part of the Eastern musicians for that they have been sadly lacking in standard composition for the whole Chinese people.

Music in China is not universal; playing of one class of musicians does not coincide with that of another, though the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet to mark the rhyme and time are similar. Why should not standard music be composed and taught like other subjects in all Chinese schools is an important question.

Funds for the Purpose.

This question is being taken up by some musicians in Hong Kong, and the matter now lies in the hands of the executive committee of the Chinese Amateur Musical Association. In order to raise funds for this noble purpose this Association is going to give its third Grand Concert before the end of this year.

It might be recalled that this Association gave a Concert some years ago for the benefit of the Kwangtung Flood Fund. Some of these musicians have had many years' experience in the study of music as amateurs in Hong Kong, Canton, Swatow, Shanghai, and even in London and Chicago. It is certainly well worth while again to see and hear some of the members of this talented troupe. "Contributed."

POPPY DAY FUND.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL COLLECTION.

£40 FOR ST. DUNSTON'S.

The collection taken at the morning service at St. John's Cathedral on Armistice Day amounted to \$418.40 and a draft for \$40.89, the equivalent of 1/11, 5/16, has been remitted to the Treasurer of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

arrangements acquitted themselves well. A final word of thanks to our piper for his Trojan work. We crossed the harbour to the pier of the pibroch, causing not a little interest among the large crowd that greeted us upon our arrival. A "red mud-laden" but "happy band" and I must say will miss the next opportunity of joining our skipper in another week-end at Fanling.

VARIED TOPICS.

Imperial Conference Work.

RUNNING AN EMPIRE.

The Shipping Committee to Continue.

Rugby, Nov. 15. The Imperial Conference held its twelfth plenary session to-day, when the main discussions on defence began on October 26, were concluded, statements being made by the Prime Ministers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland, and by Mr. Havenga for the Union of South Africa, Mr. O'Higgins for the Irish Free State, and the Maharaja of Burdwan for India.

High appreciation was expressed of the arrangements under which at the naval review at Camberley and at Croydon, the Dominion and Indian delegations had had an opportunity of seeing and studying the latest service developments.

Various reports of the economic sub-committee were brought up and approved, and the resolutions contained in these reports thus became resolutions of the conference.

The Oil Evil.

On the recommendation of the general economic committee, a resolution in the following terms was accepted:

"The Imperial Conference welcomes the efforts that are being made to reach international agreement upon measures for abolishing the evils resulting from the discharge of oil in navigable waters, and recommends the principles of the draft convention for this purpose recently prepared at Washington to the consideration of the Governments of Empire."

On the subject of the unification of the rules relating to bills of lading, the conference noted with satisfaction that there is good prospect of the general adoption throughout the Empire of the rules embodied in the International Convention at Brussels in 1923, and welcomed the progress towards achievement of international uniformity upon the terms of those rules.

Maritime Law Convention.

Progress made in the direction of securing the unification of maritime law by the preparation at Brussels of the draft International Conventions in regard to the limitation of shipowners' liability and to maritime mortgages and liens was also welcomed, and the conventions were commended to the consideration of the Governments of the various parts of the Empire.

It was agreed also that the work of the Imperial Shipping Committee is of importance to the Empire, and that the committee should be maintained on the present basis, deriving authority from and being responsible to the governments represented in the Imperial Conference.

War Engines For Peace.

At to-day's meeting several of the delegates, in expressing their admiration of the work of the tanks at Camberley on Saturday, declared that the new six wheel lorries which could be rapidly converted into tractors for cross-country purposes were capable of development for peace time uses, particularly in the Colonies and India.

Several of the committees of the Conference held further meetings to-day. The Overseas Settlement Committee completed its first survey of its draft report, after explorations covering a very wide field of inquiry, and the report will probably be finally passed to-morrow.

Population Distribution.

The main object of the inquiry has been to promote the redistribution of the white population of the Empire to the best interests of the Empire as a whole.

On the subject of production and exhibition within the Empire of cinematograph films of British origin, the economic sub-committee has now completed its consideration, and the report is being drafted.

It is probable that at Thursday's plenary sitting these and the research committee's reports will be presented for approval.

Meanwhile the Prime Minister's Committee on inter-imperial relations continues to sit daily, and the committee on treaty procedure has arranged for further meetings this week.

The overseas delegates will witness a display of airships at Cardington on Thursday. — British Wireless Service.

Imperial Defence.

London, Nov. 15. The Imperial Conference has decided at present not to publish the discussion of the Imperial Defence Conference.

It has approved the committee reports recommending to the Empire governments the principles of the recent Washington draft con-

CANTON AFFAIRS.

MINISTERS TO GO ON TOUR.

LEAVING TO-DAY.

Canton, Nov. 15. Important officials of the Nationalist Government and Kuomintang Party Organisation will leave here to-morrow for a general survey of the conditions of the territory under Nationalist control.

The extension of Nationalist power makes it necessary to have co-operation of finances, communication and foreign affairs, it is stated in authoritative circles here.

The members of the party will hold a conference at Nanchang (capital of Kiangsi province) with political representatives of the Nationalist Government in the field, to draft plans.

The inspection party includes Mr. T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance, Mr. Eugene Chen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Communications, and others, with secretarial staffs. The tour is expected to make a month or six weeks. — Canton Bureau of Information through Reuter.

DUKE OF YORK.

A TRIP ROUND THE WORLD.

VISIT TO THE ANTIPODES.

Rugby, Nov. 15. The official programme of the Duke of York's visit to Australia and New Zealand is issued.

His Royal Highness will leave Portsmouth on January 6, in the battle cruiser "Renown." He will make a stay of three days at Kingston, Jamaica, and then proceed by way of the Panama Canal. At Suva, in Fiji, he will stay one day.

The Prince will reach Auckland, New Zealand, on February 22, and visits to the chief towns of New Zealand and Australia will occupy until May 23, when he will leave Fremantle for England.

The voyage home will be made by way of Mauritius, where the Prince will stay three days, and through the Suez Canal. — British Wireless Service.

IRISH RAIDS.

TWENTY-ONE ARRESTS MADE.

London, Nov. 15.

The outbreak of disorder at Cork appears to have been part of concerted action the purpose of which is obscure.

At least eight barracks in the Free State were raided. The documents seized were not important. Eleven persons, believed to include all the important personnel of the Republican General Headquarters have been arrested in Dublin. There have been ten arrests in Cork.

Armed raiders shot and mortally wounded an orderly at the barracks at Hollyford, Co. Tipperary.

A military camp near Dublin was raided and arms were carried off. A sentry was shot and seriously wounded. — Reuter.

BRAZIL RUBBER.

EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTS PENDING.

London, Nov. 15. The "Financial Times" states that extensive developments in the rubber industry of Brazil are occurring in a large para rubber concern in which important rubber interests are identified in forming.

The chairman is Sir Ernest Birch, and the board of directors includes Sir Martin Conway, and Mr. F. W. Croucher, a director of the R. I. M. Malacca Rubber Estates.

The company will acquire the whole share capital of the Companhia Paranaense de Plantacoes de Borracha, which owns the rubber estates of 415,000 acres and will apply for an exclusive concession which the Brazilian Government is authorised to grant for the erecting of a rubber factory at the city of Para. — Reuter.

MEXICAN UNREST.

El Paso, Nov. 15.

Despite emphatic official denials, rumours persist in Juarez that the revolutionary movement is developing along the northern borders of Mexico.

It is reported that General Fernandez, a former member of Villa's staff, heads a small band of rebels, and aims at enlisting the aid of Villa's former followers in Chihuahua. — Reuter's American Service.

vention with regard to oil pollution of navigable waters, also the Brussels draft international convention with regard to the limitation of shipowners' liability, also the maintenance of the Imperial Shipping Committee on its present basis. — Reuter.

BRUTAL THIEF.

A EUROPEAN LADY ATTACKED.

KOWLOON INCIDENT.

A report comes from Kowloon of an incident on Saturday night which resulted in the loss of a handbag containing \$35, the property of Mrs. Spraybury, of 23 Nathan Road.

Mrs. Spraybury is reported to have been very roughly handled. Something which she believes, to be pepper was thrown in her face, she was pushed from behind and while on the ground the robber succeeded in pulling the handbag from her arm. In his attempts to pull the handbag from her, the robber pulled Mrs. Spraybury along the ground and then made his escape.

The incident occurred at 7.30 p.m., while Mrs. Spraybury was on her way home from Homantin, the actual spot being near the junction of Nathan Road and Ning Po Street. When last seen, the robber was running along Ning Po Street and Wu Sung Street, apparently with the idea of reaching the Yaumati ferry wharf.

No arrest has as yet been made in connection with the matter.

MUSIC.

YESTERDAY'S PIANOFORTE RECITAL.

YOUTHFUL FRESHNESS.

There was an unmistakable youthfulness in the pianoforte playing of Mr. Harry Ore's pupils, who gave a recital at the City Hall yesterday afternoon. Youth, however, can give to experience a priceless freshness of touch in matters of interpretation, a freshness that experience and age well envy; and those of us who are neither very young nor very old feel, maybe vainly enough, that in us resides the true balance between the exuberance and restlessness of youth and the sanctified traditions of old age.

Mr. Ore selected for his pupils a programme such as hundreds of debutantes choose and have chosen since public recitals came into being: Chopin, Heller, Alfody, Beethoven, Grieg, Moszkovsky, Schubert and Liszt—an admirable selection.

Those taking part in the programme were as follows:—Mrs. S. Skelton and Mr. Ore (who opened the programme with Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Spanish Capriccio"); Miss Helen Ho, Miss Myra Gutierrez, Mr. Henry Kew, Miss Alda Leon, Miss Rose Choy, Miss Winifred Kew, Miss Daisy Ma and Mr. A. Bowes Smith.

The present critic does not purpose tendering a comparison of the merits of the individual players. It may be said with little fear of contradiction that each item was rendered in a manner highly creditable both to performer and teacher and the large audience which turned up in spite of the rain was, if anything, not generous enough in the matter of applause.

Mr. Ore concluded the long programme with an excellent rendition of Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody and in a number such as this a pianist of Mr. Ore's calibre can revel. He did. —H.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

FIRST DANCE FIXED FOR THURSDAY.

This week we are holding our first dance of the season, on Thursday evening, at 9 p.m. The "Revelers" Dance Band will be in attendance, and a pleasant evening is anticipated. On Wednesday the first meeting of the Study Circle will be held, and the subject under discussion will be "Tribal Gods and Totemism, in the early times." The meeting will be held in Room 24 at 6.30 p.m.

Last week the Y.M.C.A. played the Kowloon Golf Club, on Armistice day. The Y.M.C.A. team was unfortunate in losing, but all who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At the Tiffin which took place in the club house, the latter was formally opened by the K.C.C. Vice President, and the toast of the K.C.C. was proposed and drunk by the players.

Saturday week has been set aside for a raffle by the Camera Club, as mentioned in last week's notes, and a fortnight later there will be another outing to Sun Tia Pass. Persons interested should keep these dates free, as enjoyable outings are promised. With regard to the ships in the harbour, the Secretaries are trying to arrange games, billiard tournaments, basket ball matches, and sports secretaries of the various ships are again requested to get into touch with any of the officials of the Y.M.C.A. with a view to furthering this side of the Y.M.C.A. work. —Contributed.

"FOOL OR KNAVE"

THREE FRAUD CHARGES PROVED.

"EXTRAORDINARY APPEARANCE"

The hearing was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of the case in which Au Cheong, 33, was charged on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with attempting to obtain varying sums of money by false pretences with intent to defraud.

At previous hearings, evidence was given to show that accused had sent a number of letters, alleged to have been forged, demanding sums of money. These letters, said Counsel had been written as a result of tampering with letters, in the course of transmission through the post.

Mr. J. T. Prior conducted the case on behalf of the complainant and Mr. D. McCallum defended the accused. The case for the complainant having been concluded, Mr. McCallum put his client into the witness box. Witness said that for some time he was in the employ of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotel Company, but left their employ in November 1925. He remembered interviewing the complainant a few days previous to his arrest as he had been asked to collect \$1,000. He received the money, and gave a receipt for it. Shortly after that he was arrested.

Counsel: Did you at any time tell him exactly who you were?—Yes. When I was arrested I said that I was not receiving the money on my own behalf. It was for a man named Lo Keng-chuen.

Cross-examined by Mr. Prior, witness said that he had known the man named Lo for about two months, they had met first at Macao and were friends, they smoked opium together every day.

His Worship: You ask me to believe that he was willing to send an opium divan acquaintance—a man of no occupation, when he had only known for two months—on a delicate mission of receiving two sums of \$500 and \$1,000? Why should he do that?

Witness: I don't know why he should.

His Worship: Nor do I; nor would anyone.

Witness: I think now that it must have been a fraud. At the outset I did not suspect it.

His Worship: You admit then that you are a perfect fool and not a knave?

Re-examined, witness admitted that he was a heavy opium smoker.

Addressing the Court on behalf of the accused, Mr. McCallum said that it would be admitted that the accused presented an extraordinary appearance when in the witness-box. His Worship would have to decide whether he was a fool or a rogue. "Does, has or had" the accused at any time a knowledge of what was going on. Was he not made a fool?

The Magistrate: I am afraid that I have come to the conclusion that he is an absolute knave. He is convicted on the first charge.

Mr. McCallum said that the facts of the other two charges were identical to those of the charge just heard. He would ask His Worship to settle the matter there.

Mr. Lindsell ruled that as the accused had pleaded "Not guilty" he would have to hear evidence. He would, however, ask Mr. Prior to be as brief as possible.

Further evidence in support of two further charges was then called at the conclusion of which His Worship asked Mr. McCallum whether he could honestly believe that his client was more fool than knave. Mr. McCallum submitted that accused was not by any means the leader of the gang, his story was a collective one and parts of it, especially that dealing with receipts, had not been supported by the police.

The Magistrate: I am against you, Mr. McCallum. I find the defence guilty on all three charges. He will go to jail with hard labour for four months on each charge. The sentences on charges two and three will be concurrent, but will be consecutive to that in respect of the first charge.

WANHSIEN FUND.

H.K. LIST PASSES \$2,000 MARK.

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A NEW ONE.

LOCAL GAMBLING RAID SURPRISE.

SOME "FISHY" EXCUSES.

A new game of chance, apparently unknown to European and Chinese police officers, was the feature of a gambling raid carried out by Sub-Insp. James and a party of Chinese constables in an alleyway off Queen's Road Central shortly after 8.30 p.m. yesterday.

When the case came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Insp. James informed the Bench that 24 arrests have been made, bail of \$3 being granted in each instance. Only nine of the arrested men had turned up and he would ask that the bail of those not present should be exonerated.

The application was granted.

The first witness called was a Cantonese lukong, P. C. 150, who said that he raided the premises on a warrant; he found the door closed, but not locked. Two groups were seated round tables. At one a game of Paikau was in progress whilst at the other a 'new' game played with the same cards was being played. Witness did not know the name of the second game. The first defendant was sitting receiving commissions from the 'punters' when the Inspector arrived. There was a stampede, but no one escaped.

His Worship: Were there any dice at the Paikau table?—No.

His Worship: Paikau without dice? I've never heard of that before.

The Interpreter explained that when the game was played with cards, the banker turned up the first card and the spots were counted.

Questioned by the Magistrate, three of the defendants stated that they went to the premises in order to pay accounts for fish, whilst two others said that they went to weigh shrimps.

His Worship: A nice time to do business—10 o'clock at night. Do you expect me to believe that?

Sub-Insp. James said that the first accused had admitted being the tenant of the premises. Receipts for rent were found on him.

The Magistrate fined the first defendant \$75, or six weeks hard labour and the remainder \$3 each, adding, "You would have saved yourselves and me a lot of trouble if you had stopped away."

JAPAN'S RELIEF.

EMPEROR'S CONDITION IMPROVING.

Tokyo, Nov. 16.

The Imperial Household states that the Emperor is improving. His appetite is returning. It is believed his condition at present is not serious. — Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

November 18—Queen's Theatre: "Volanda."
November 16—World Theatre: "Changing Husbands."
November 16—Star Theatre: "Conductor 1492."
November 17—Dance at Government House.
November 18—Y.M.C.A.'s (Kowloon) first dance of the season, 9 p.m.

November 18—Pianoforte Recital at Helena May Institute.
December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society Presents: "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

Sports.

November 16—Interport Cricket Match: Shanghai vs. Hong Kong, commencing 11 a.m.
November 27—Sixth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Meetings.

November 18—Meeting at Cathedral Hall of the H.K. Philharmonic Society, 8.45 p.m.
November 18—Half-yearly meeting of members of the H.K. Jockey Club, Hong Kong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.
November 17—First meeting of the study circle at Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon), Room 24, 6.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

November 18—Interport Cricket dinner, 8 p.m.
November 19—Children's afternoon at Helena May Institute.
November 20—Annual Fete, organised by H.K.W.G. & M.C.L. in the grounds of Government House, from 2.30 p.m.
November 22—Lecture at Helena May Institute on "Japan" by Mr. D. O. de Silva, 5.30 p.m.
November 23—Annual Church Parade of the Scottish Church, H.K.D.C. at Union Church.
December 25—His Lordship the Bishop of London (who is expected here on December 23 or 24) will preach at St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m.



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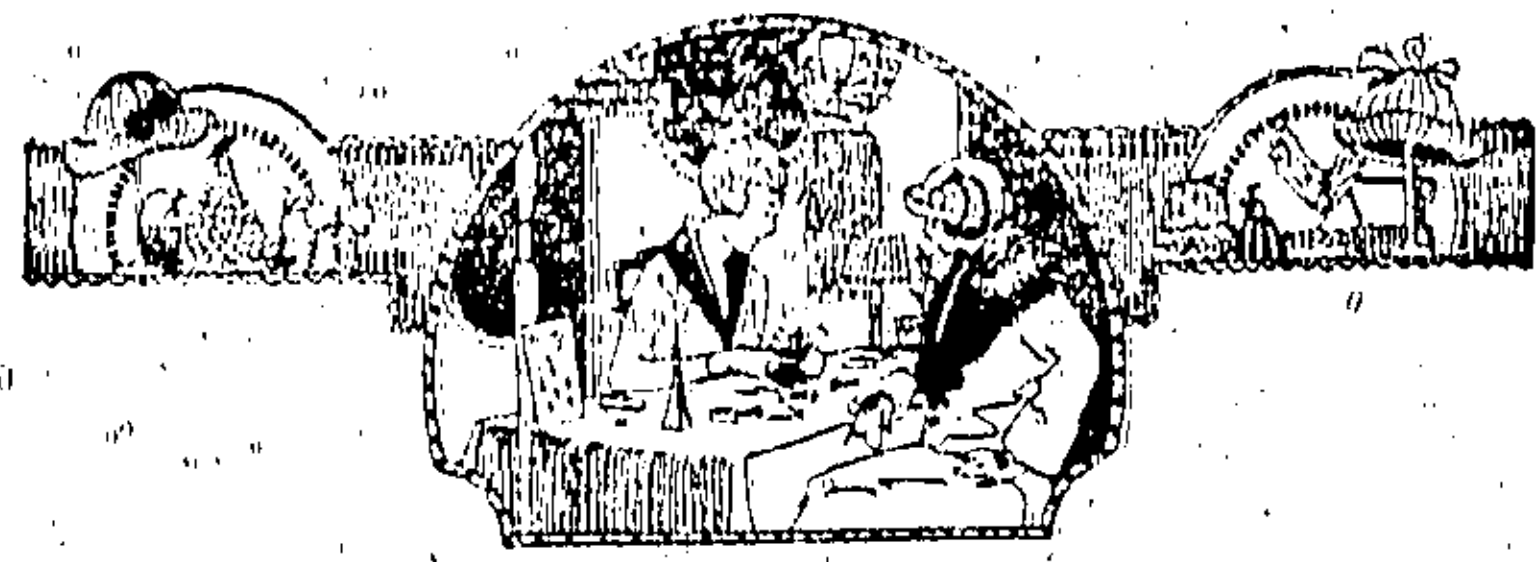
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Will members of the H.M.I. please note that on Monday, 22nd November, at 5.30 p.m. Mr. D. O. de Silva will give a lecture on "Japan."

Entrance tickets for the M.C.L. fete in the grounds of Government House on the 20th instant, can be obtained from Mr. V. Rupchand of the Pioneer Silk Store at \$2 each.

The vernacular Press in Peking is unanimous in expressing approval of the step taken by the Chinese Government, and states that China has passed the test whether she would be successful or not as regards the revision of the Sino-Belgian Treaty.

The proposal of the Japanese Education Department to create an office of superintendent in the principal Government Universities in order to control the thought of students, was approved of at the Budget Conference of the Cabinet on November 7.

Premier Wakatsuki was pitted with questions at his official residence on November 7 by Judge Sumami, of the Osaka District Court, in connection with the Matsushima scandal case. Mr. Kawasaki, Vice-Minister of Home Affairs, also was tried on November 7 by Judge Sumami concerning the same case.

The Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" wrote on October 31:—Three distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in the district of Chalanun on morning this week, one of them being so severe that a number of houses had their walls cracked. This part of the country was at some remote date a volcanic one and in 1903 there was an earthquake of considerably more violence than the one felt this week.

According to Bulletin Quarantenaire published by the Conseil Sanitaire Maritime d'Egypte, there were during the month of August last in Indo China 1,661 cases of cholera and 1,322 deaths from the same disease. Of this number 419 cases and 293 deaths were in Tonkin, 240 cases and 199 deaths in Annam, 222 cases and 226 deaths in Cochinchina, 241 cases and 241 deaths in Cambodia, including the death of one European, 145 cases and 116 deaths in Laos, and 344 cases and 247 deaths in Kwangchow-wan. There were also 11 cases of plague and nine deaths from the same disease.

A very dense fog enshrouded Shanghai on the 9th inst. Pedestrians in Hongkew say that it was so heavy that they could not see more than 10 feet in front of them.

Four persons arrested in connection with the recent Kuomintang attempt to capture Shanghai were released by the native authorities on the 9th instant. Six others, however, are still detained at the Allied headquarters.

A plague has broken out among the war refugees at Nankow and some twenty doctors have been despatched to cure the sufferers under the auspices of the Swastika Association, a local philanthropic society formed by Buddhists.

No. 56 Hollywood Road was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday by order of the mortgagee, Mrs. Ho Shi becoming the purchaser at \$30,000. At Messrs. Lamert Bros. salesroom, No. 6, Prince's Terrace was also put up for sale at the order of the mortgagee yesterday. The property was withdrawn from sale at \$28,000.

Another police raid was conducted on the Chinese Students' Union premises, 25 Chung Wah Road, Shanghai, on the 9th instant. A quantity of inflammatory, Communist literature was found, and two men who were attempting to escape were arrested and taken into custody. They are being detained by the Chinese police pending further investigation.

A certain foreign resident of Hankow was returning to town from the Rifle Range on the 3rd inst. and on his way was met by a native who asked him for money. On replying that he had no money on his person the foreigner was attacked and received a brick on the head which the Chinese had ready in his hand. The foreigner attacked his assailant and handed him over to the police.

Since the destruction by the Japanese earthquake of the State carriages, motor-cars have been chiefly employed for the Imperial cortege. Since the beginning of this year carriages have been in the course of construction and seven of them are to be completed before the year-end, for the Prince Regent's use in the New Year ceremonies. The carriages are built of home materials, and are to be drawn by six horses each.

In its attempt to avoid a motor-bus a truck hired by the 22nd Infantry Regiment, fully laden with munitions, fell over a precipice and was smashed to pieces near Mishimamura, Ehimeken, Japan on the 4th instant. A sergeant, a private, and a purveyor were crushed to death, while five others were badly hurt.

About 12.30 p.m. on the 3rd inst. whilst a seaman named Hendrikson, of the U.S.A. Destroyer "John E. Ford," was getting into a sampan at the jetty in front of the San Pen Steam Navigation Co.'s property, Hankow, he missed his footing and fell into the river, being carried down by the rapid current. Naval officers made attempts to rescue him but their efforts were unavailing.

The trial of the men accused of taking part in the sensational Palace robbery at Bangkok some months ago has at last come to an end and judgment was delivered on the 6th instant. All the seven accused were found guilty; one was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment, two to twelve years, one to nine, one to eight, two to five years. Fines were also imposed amounting to over \$27,000 which was approximately the value of the jewellery stolen.

Two Italian sailors were attacked by a crowd of rowdies on the Hwachinkai, S.A.D. Hankow, on the 3rd inst. Seeing them in distress two American sailors went to their help; but on the mob increasing in size and violence all had to run for it and fled to the Racecourse Ground. From there they were able to get a message through to the Italian gunboat, the commander of which promptly landed a squad of men since an Italian team was playing football on the Race Club Ground. The armed squad safely escorted the men back to their ships.

Police in the Chihli province of China recently committed a faux pas when they carried out the instructions of Governor Chu Ya-pu to the letter. The edict had gone forth that bobbed hair was startlingly contrary to old custom, and females with short locks were promptly hauled off to the police station and fined anything from \$25 to \$250 gold. One day, however, the Governor's wife decided to try the prevailing mode, and she in turn was taken to the police station. And now ladies' fashions are no longer a matter for Governmental regulations in Chihli province.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Dr. Wong Sik-to, the local eye specialist, has returned to the Colony after a vacation in Shanghai.

Mr. G. E. Wetton, principal in the local firm of Messrs. H. Skott & Co., left London on October 22 on the "Macedonia," returning from Home leave.

Mrs. T. G. Weall, the wife of Messrs. Dodwell's taipan, is returning to Hong Kong by the "Macedonia" which sailed from London on October 22.

After spending long leave in the Old Country, Mr. A. Brooksbank of the Public Works Department sailed on October 22 from London by the "Macedonia," with Mrs. Brooksbank and their two children.

The wife of the Chief Manager of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Mrs. A. H. Earlow, is returning to the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" which sailed from London on October 22.

Hong Kong residents who are due back by the "Macedonia" which sailed from London on October 22 include Mrs. G. F. Brearley, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Blake and their two children, Mr. P. Cullen, Mr. R. C. Wallace of Taikoo and Mrs. and Miss Wallace.

Miss Grace Hutchins and Miss Anne Rochester, members of the Associated Press of America, with head offices in Chicago, have arrived in Shanghai, from a visit to North and Central China. They were guests on the 10th inst., at a reception given by the Chinese Journalists Club.

An interesting development in railway executive organisation is indicated by the announcement of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, the longest railway group in Great Britain, that when the General Managership is vacated by the Rt. Hon. H. G. Burgess, on March 31 next, his office will be replaced by an Executive Committee composed of Sir Josiah Stamp, President, and four Vice-Presidents, each of the latter to act as General Manager in relation to the group of departments which he will represent on the Executive Committee.

Mrs. H. Balean, the wife of Dr. H. Balean (the local medical practitioner) is returning from a trip Home, having sailed from London on November 5 on the "Malwa."

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, a Cadet in the Government Service, is returning from Home leave, having left London on November 5 by the P. and O. s.s. "Malwa."

A Cadet officer in Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones who has been on Home leave this year is on the "Malwa" which left Marseilles on November 12 for Hong Kong.

Mr. A. R. Sutherland of the Education Department is coming back from a holiday on the "Malwa" which left Marseilles on November 12. He is travelling with Mrs. Sutherland.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., the Deputy Superintendent of Police, who has been absent on leave, sailed from London on November 5 on the "Malwa" to return to the Colony.

Captain P. Bell-Smith, one of the most popular of Hong Kong river steamboat skippers, will be back shortly from leave. On November 5, he sailed from London on the "Malwa" with Mrs. Bell-Smith and their two children.

Headmaster of Saiyungpun School when the strike began last year, Mr. W. L. Handyside has been Home on leave. On November 12 he sailed on the "Malwa" from Marseilles with Mrs. Handyside and their three children and will be back to serve the Education Department next month.

News has reached China of the resignation of Miss Hilda C. Bowser from the position of organising secretary for the Christian Literature Society for China. Miss Bowser was for some years private secretary of the late Dr. Timothy Richard. On leaving China she served the Society as home secretary for some years. We hear that the Rev. Frank Harmon, a former missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society in North China, has succeeded to the position left by her resignation.

It is announced that the Interport Cricket dinner at the Hong Kong Club is postponed from Tuesday to Thursday at 8 p.m.

The dress for the dance at Government House to-morrow night is white mess jacket. H.E. the Governor and Lady Clement are entertaining the Interport cricket team on the occasion of the visit from Shanghai.

One of the Hong Kong residents on board the P. & O. "Macedonia" which left London on October 22 is Mrs. W. A. Eustace, wife of one of the managing directors of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Ltd. and of Messrs. William Powell & Co., Ltd.

A Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, the architect (of Messrs. Palmer & Turner) and administrative commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps will be back again from Home leave this month. On October 22 he left London, with Mrs. Bird and Miss Bird on the "Macedonia."

Dr. G. Montague Harston, senior partner in the firm of local medical practitioners will be back in Hong Kong again shortly from Home leave. With Mrs. Montague Harston and the Misses E. and P. Montague Harston, he sailed from Marseilles on the "Macedonia" which left London on October 22.

Bishop Roche, S.J., of Tuticorin, who was in Colombo in connection with the jubilee celebrations of the Rev. Bro. Philip, of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena, of whom he was an old pupil, paid a visit to Keggalle on October 26 on his way to Nuwara Eliya. The Catholic population and the "Parawa" community welcomed His Lordship a suitable welcome.

Lady Bucknill writing to a friend in Singapore says that the late Sir John Bucknill, formerly Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, died quite suddenly and peacefully in his sleep. Lady Bucknill was not with him at the time of his death as she was on her way to India from England to join him and arrived three days later. Sir John Bucknill, previous to going to the Straits was Attorney-General at Hong Kong.

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SPORTS SECTION

"THE CUP."

Draw for Annual F.A. Competition.

MAGIC FIRST ROUND.

Home Soccer Clubs to Play on Nov. 27.

The draw has been made for the first round of the competition proper of the English Football Association Cup.

To be played on Nov. 27 (on the ground of the first-named):

Workington v. Crook.
Stockton v. Ashington.
Bishop Auckland v. Easington v. Bedlington.
Annfield Plain v. Chilton Collieries.

Carlisle v. Hartlepool.
Nelson v. Stockport.

Accrington v. Rochdale.
Wrexham v. New Brighton.

Rhyl Athletic v. Stoke.
Stockport v. Tannmere.

Wigan Borough v. Barrow.
Grimsby v. Northern Nomads.

Wellington v. Mansfield.
Chesterfield v. Broadworth Main or Mexborough.

York v. Workson.
Kettering v. Coventry.

Doncaster v. Doncaster Rovers.
Luton v. Luton.

Grimsby v. Grimsby.
Boston v. Northampton.

Walsall v. Bradford.
Woking v. Charlton.

Crystal Palace v. Norwich.
Clapton v. Brentford.

Barking v. Gillingham.
Sittingbourne v. Northfleet.

Dulwich Hamlet v. Southend.
Nunhead v. Kingstonians.

Watford v. Watford.
Luton v. London Cablemakers.

Chatham v. St. Albans City.
Brighton v. Bournemouth.

Bournemouth v. Swindon.
Clandown v. Poole v. Newport.

Reading v. Weymouth v. Yeovil and Potters.

Merrill v. Bristol City.
Torquay v. Bristol Rovers.

Exeter v. Exeter.
All clubs in Division I of the League, the Corinthians, most of the clubs in Division II and some in Division III are exempted till round 3.

Six qualifying rounds have already been played but most of the League sides coming in now have been exempted.

The remaining dates are:

2nd round.....Dec. 11.
3rd round.....Jan. 8.

4th round.....Jan. 29.
5th round.....Feb. 19.

6th round.....Mar. 5.
Semi-final.....Mar. 26.

Final.....April 23.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CRICKET INCIDENT.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—Your Cricket Correspondent who is responsible for the comments on Saturday's Interport Cricket is evidently not quite conversant with all the rules of cricket.

Under the heading "Unseen Incident," he writes "A privileged spectator who was at the Naval Yard end, whose word is not open to doubt, informs me that the Shanghai skipper had a life in Bowker's second over, when he had only made a few runs." Then he goes on "That was the only occasion on which Hong Kong conceded the only bye—a boundary (4 runs as the ball rolled on to the screen)."

Your Correspondent suggests, that had Pearce or Ramsay caught the ball, Barrett would have been out.

Both your Correspondent and his privileged spectator at the Naval Yard end of the ground appear to have lost sight of the fact that the Umpire signalled 4 byes which surely is conclusive proof that Barrett did not touch the ball with the bat. Had the batsman touched the ball with his bat it would have been 4 runs to the batsman. We surely are going to accept the ruling of an umpire at all times—that is "Cricket."

Barrett did not touch the ball with his bat—the umpire gave 4 byes and not 4 runs to the batsman and this is the point that your Correspondent has missed.

"Not out."

Hong Kong, Nov. 15.

A CORRECTION.

S. CHINA-CHINESE ATHLETIC MATCH.

The Second Division "A" football match, played on Saturday last between the Chinese Athletic "B" and the South China was won by the latter by (3-2) and not by the Athletic, as previously reported.

THE "TAIL" WAGS.

Shanghai's Fighting Spirit.

GET AHEAD OF HONG KONG.

Interport Cricket Match Resumed To-day.

(By "W.P.C.")

Clinging tenaciously, Shanghai's batting "tail" fought to good purpose to-day in the Interport cricket match against Hong Kong.

The enemy has not been accounted for and Hong Kong's total has been passed. There will be a rare struggle if the home team is to retain "the Ashes."

If somewhat unconvincing, the visiting batsmen had the elements on their side to accomplish their purposes.

Wickets fell at regular intervals so that it cannot be said that Hong Kong's bowlers were impotent on the easy wicket.

It was left to Captain A. G. Dobbie, a newcomer, to do the major part of the attack and he acquitted himself well.

No Attack of Nerves.

Bowler, our fast bowler, was not called upon and spent the morning mostly at cover-point.

One thing that stood out a mile was that if Shanghai's later batsmen were not exemplary, they showed no trace of nervous as did so many of the Hong Kong eleven.

And the visitors were on strange ground, too.

That the rain did its work yesterday, the second (a blank) day, and a Sunday, may make all the difference. It is still more than possible that the match may continue to-morrow.

The improvement in the weather promised yesterday was rather late in coming and there was another delay of an hour this morning.

At 11 a.m. the umpires and the two captains inspected the pitch which then showed slight signs of recovery thanks to the N.E. wind.

A wait of 45 minutes was decided upon.

Meanwhile the pitch was swept clean and patches showed clearly.

Wicket Easy at First.

At 11.45 a.m. another inspection was announced. The big roller was brought into use and the wicket rolled out plumb. Sawdust was requisitioned so that the bowlers could keep their feet better.

Just on noon the sun made a brave attempt to come out, indicating better weather for this afternoon.

A strange breeze was blowing, the pitch did not look very bad, but the outfield was palpably sodden.

Promptly at noon the Hong Kong side took the field when Dr. O'Hara (11) and Burn (5), not out on Saturday, resumed Shanghai's first innings then standing at 100 runs for 4 wickets as against Hong Kong's 174 runs.

Captain Dobbie, the most successful local bowler, thus far, opened from the Naval Yard end with the wind in his favour.

Four runs were scored and then "Lobster" Reed took the ball at the Law Court end. His first ball was sent by O'Hara between point and cover to the boundary.

The appearance then was the wicket would be easy at least till the tiffin interval.

Early Success for Hong Kong.

Reed's second over was a maiden. He had found his length and made Burn uncomfortable, the latter just missing being stumped.

The first ball of Dobbie's over brought success. His deliveries were characterised more by courage than accuracy, mostly on the leg side. That one, well pitched up on the leg, came in just sufficiently to beat the bat and hit O'Hara's leg and middle sticks.

This was at 12.15 with the score at 113.

O'Hara made 18, including three boundaries and he batted with confidence.

The new-comer, Stokes, got a rather lucky 2 off the first ball he received from Dobbie.

Runs came slowly, in singles, Burn lifting two out of reach beyond mid-on.

Neither he nor Stokes looked very safe against good bowling and keen fielding, Captain Morris being applauded twice for smart work.

After reaching his 10, Burn turned Dobbie to the leg boundary.

An Easy Catch—Held!

Shanghai's total had now reached the 120 mark, the last 20 runs being scored in just under half an hour.

After a quiet spell of a few overs, Dobbie dismissed Burn (caught and bowled). Burn played forward slightly and returned an easy catch to the bowler as he finished his run.

This was at 12.35. Shanghai had added 26 runs (126 for 5) and lost 2 more wickets.

Burn was in for upwards of 45 minutes and made 19. Another boundary bye and a 2 (through the slips) by Mansel-Smith (in for Burn) brought the 130 on the board.

Although not getting much work on the ball Reed was keeping runs down till one slipped out of his hands to give Mansel-Smith a full toss which he touched to the leg boundary.

Captain Dobbie used his height to advantage and kept the ball low. In some ways he is reminiscent of Captain P. Havelock Davies, R.A. who was a Hong Kong interporter but considerably faster.

Another Capture.

Pitching often dead-on and keeping a good length, the Borderers man increased his leg field from two to three and Captain Morris fielded slip.

Reed also used an extra slip. Captain Morris doing duty again. The most productive partnership so far was the 7th between Stokes and Mansel-Smith. Tam Pearce called a change of bowling and placed a strange field, Owen Hughes going out into the country.

Off the 5th ball of Lightfoot's first over (having replaced Reed with his slowness), Stokes gave a difficult chance to Captain Morris in the slip.

Bending forwards, the fielder just reached the ball and scooped it up a few inches before it got to the ground. This was after 55 minutes' play. (146-7-8).

Goldman, the Shanghai interporter, soccerite, ruggerite, swimmer and—incidentally—cricketeer, went in and saw the 150 go up.

With 3 wickets in hand Shanghai needed about 20 or so runs to get a lead on the first innings.

There was little excitement in the play so far. Shanghai's rate of scoring was just as slow as on Saturday, but the pitch was much easier now.

When the Thrills Came.

Determined to keep their end up, Mansel-Smith and Goldman scored by occasional singles with safety first tactics.

The outfield did not transpire to be as heavy as at first supposed.

In half an hour, Mansel-Smith had not reached double figures when he nearly got out, cutting one for four from Dobbie just out of reach of Owen Hughes who was fielding at slip by himself.

The very next over saw Goldman out. Failing to get hold properly of one on the off from Lightfoot, he sent it straight into the hands of Reed, at point.

In an hour and 10 minutes, Shanghai had added 58 (158-8-3).

Isaacs, left-handed, skied his first ball over mid-off but out of reach although Ramsay nearly ran forward to it.

A couple of byes and Mansel-Smith sent up the 160, he then being 20 up in 40 minutes.

Then came a thrill, Dobbie (the bowler) fielded the ball but missed hitting the wicket when he threw to run out Isaacs who stole a short single.

The batsman then began to score and take risks.

Complexion Changed Again.

They opened their shoulders but the fielding was good and kept down to singles.

Mansel-Smith played Dobbie for another over. Isaacs pulled one from Lightfoot that shipped through to the boundary.

The next ball he played just out of reach of Captain Morris at slip. On the board 170 was signalled, and Mansel-Smith hit a 2 to leg which brought the visitors on terms with Hong Kong amidst much applause. The scoring had quickened.

Just before the lunch interval at 1.30, Tam Pearce put on Owen Hughes (slow, left-handed) for Lightfoot.

Mansel-Smith, however, played him and gave a maiden.

The score then stood at 177 runs for 8 wickets.

Mansel-Smith was 26 not out, Isaacs 9 not out and extras had reached 17.

A drizzle just began to fall then and almost increased to a shower.

In 90 minutes, Shanghai had added 77 runs for the loss of 4 more wickets, Dobbie and Lightfoot each claiming two victims.

After Lunch.

In the first over after lunch, Isaacs (facing Dobbie) sent up the 180 with a boundary to leg.

Then, Isaacs gave a difficult chance, skying one beyond mid-off. Running sideways, Hayward got his hands to the ball but dropped it.

Reed was put on again. Mansel-Smith sent a short one to Ramsay at leg. Isaacs called but hesitated. Rapid throw-in after smart-picking-up by Ramsay and Tam Pearce ran out Mansel-Smith.

HOME SOCCER.

LONDON CUP FINAL RESULT.

CHELSEA'S VICTORY.

London, Nov. 15. In the London soccer challenge cup final, Chelsea beat Clapton Orient by 2 goals to 1 at High-bury (the ground of Arsenal).—Reuter.

[Note: Both clubs are in division II of the English League.]

CRICKET.

I.R.C. 2ND v. H.K. ELECTRIC CO.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in the above friendly match to be played on the I.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 21: J. S. Acker, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. K. Minu, A. S. Ismail, D. Mohamad, A. Rahman, S. A. Hussain, A. S. Suffad, Sirdar Khan (Captain) and Reserves S. A. R. Bux, A. R. M. Samy.

The Customs Department at Harbin recent made a huge bonfire of confiscated opium this week, destroying 6,000 lb. weight of the article, valued at \$350,000. Such a great blaze of opium has seldom been seen there.

Another Castle, on the River Anner, near Tipperary, built about seventy years ago at a cost of \$30,000, was destroyed by fire on October 12. The owner, Lieut. Mandeville, R.N., had spent his holidays there and was in residence up to three weeks previously. A mysterious discovery followed the fire, a caretaker being found shot dead in the coach-house. A fowling-pie lay across his body. In an adjoining stable a horse was found dying.

Who had tried to rush back. This was at 2.30 (133-9-26).

Mansel-Smith showed sound defence, if lacking punishing strokes, and deserved his 26—the second highest for Shanghai.

Last man in, Barnes saw Dobbie bowl Isaacs off his pads, in the next over, the innings having lasted 3 1/2 hours for 185 runs. Isaacs made 16.

Dobbie was easily the best bowler, under the conditions prevailing, for Hong Kong.

Scores:—

Hong Kong—1st Innings.

A. W. Hayward, c Leach, b Isaacs..... 2

A. W. Ramsay, c Barnes, b Isaacs..... 2

H. Owen Hughes, c Dr. Morris, b Mansel-Smith..... 1

Capt. E. W. Morris, c b Leach..... 25

T. E. Pearce, c Leach, b Mansel-Smith..... 74

O'Hara..... 11

Major L. J. Lightfoot, c Divecha, b O'Hara..... 28

H. V. Parker, c Divecha, b O'Hara..... 8

F. Goodwin, b O'Hara..... 11

A. G. I. Bowker, b.w., b Leach..... 11

E. B. Reed, not out..... 0

Extras..... 0

Total..... 174

Fall of wickets:—1 for 9, 2 for 12, 3 for 12, 4 for 56, 5 for 85, 6 for 131, 7 for 149, 8 for 153, 9 for 168, 10 for 174.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Isaacs..... 7 0 26 2

Mansel-Smith..... 11 1 40 2

O'Hara..... 19 5 58 4

Leach..... 19 4 40 2

Divecha..... 3 0 10 0

Shanghai—1st Innings.

Dr. H. H. Morris, c Pearce, b Bowker..... 1

M. J. Divecha, c Owen Hughes, b Goodwin..... 13

Capt. E. I. M. Barrett, c Pearce, b Dobbie..... 45

D. W. Leach, b Dobbie..... 18

Dr. W. E. O'Hara, b Dobbie..... 19

D. C. Burn, c b Dobbie..... 18

L. F. Stokes, c Capt. Morris, b Lightfoot..... 8

W. Mansel-Smith, run out..... 26

L. Goldman, c Reed, b Lightfoot..... 16

J. A. Isaacs, b Dobbie..... 16

E. G. Barnes, not out..... 0

Extras..... 18

Total..... 135

Fall of wickets:—1 for 2, 2 for 42, 3 for 81, 4 for 84, 5 for 113, 6 for 126, 7 for 146, 8 for 158, 9 for 183, 10 for 185.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Reed..... 11 5 26 1

Bowker..... 7 2 12 0

Owen Hughes..... 7 1 18 1

Parker..... 1 0 4 0

Dobbie..... 19 5 2 50 5

Lightfoot..... 7 1 20 2

WINNING NUMBERS.

SWEEPS ON THE SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.

RESULT OF RACE.

The big cash sweeps of the Shanghai Race Club on their Autumn Champions (declared last Wednesday) resulted:—

"A" "B"

Shenkoland..... 10411 21234

Montrose..... 24640 7249

Grey Duck..... 33303 7249

Gor..... 16317 2511

The Bright Comet..... 19805 17183

Piccolo (3rd)..... 43371 23250

Young Bill..... 17778 23910

Morning Flight (2nd)..... 6479 295

The Hopeful Bird..... 3489 1282

Wheatcroft (1st)..... 12430 25817

Pretty Light..... 29766 21053

The Warbler..... 35577 29046

Mad Hatter..... 35372 29062

Chitabob..... 19627 15549

Frystup..... 5945 3208

Firestone..... 41845

Beaitock..... 33165 6601

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New Zealand..... 39160 6240

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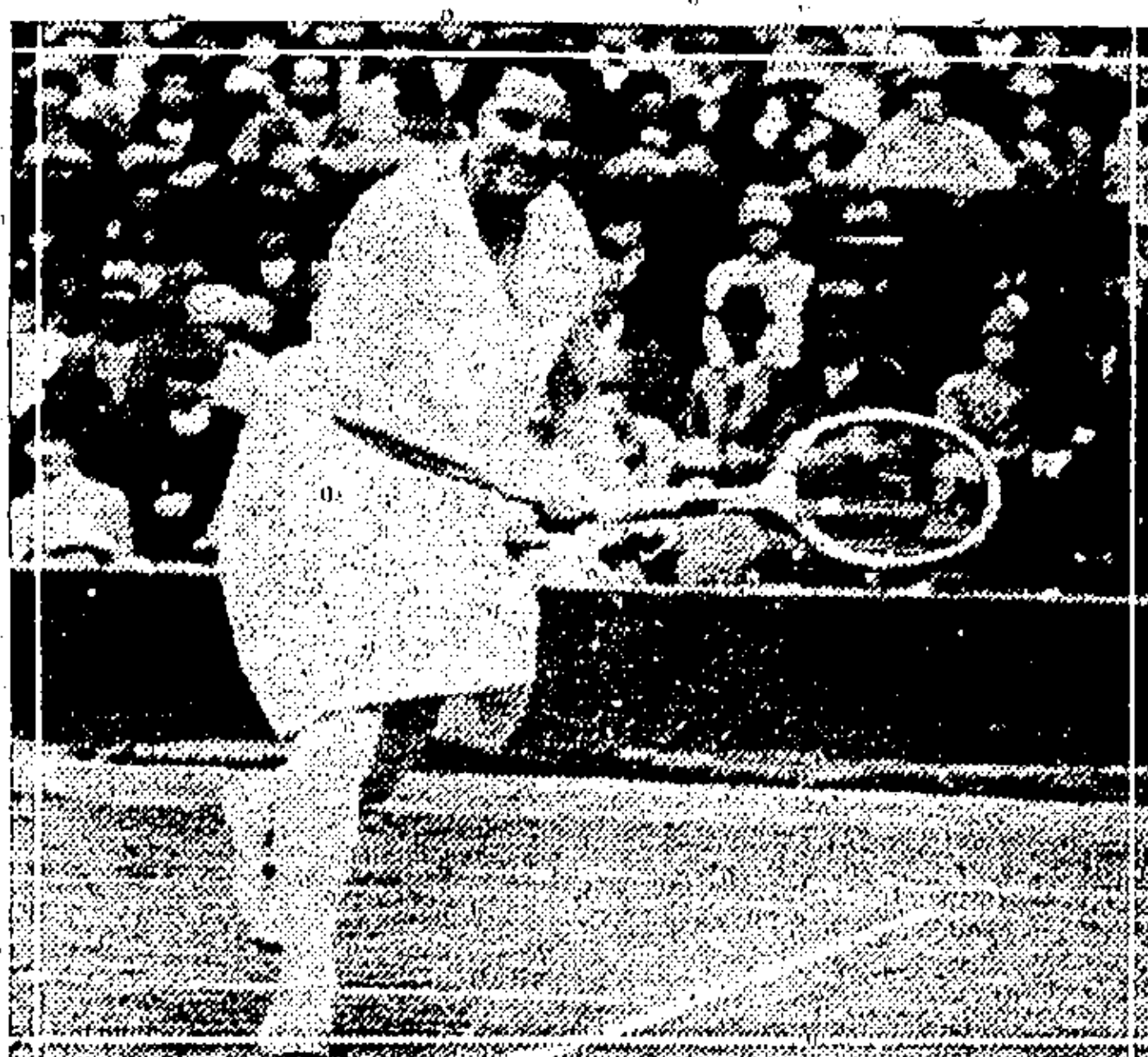
George Von Elm, when he defeated Bobby Jones, became the national amateur golf champion of America. Photo shows Von Elm with the trophy he acquired in winning the title.



Police Chief H. Leslie Quigg, of Miami, organized his men to prevent looting and to compel all able-bodied persons to assist in storm relief work.



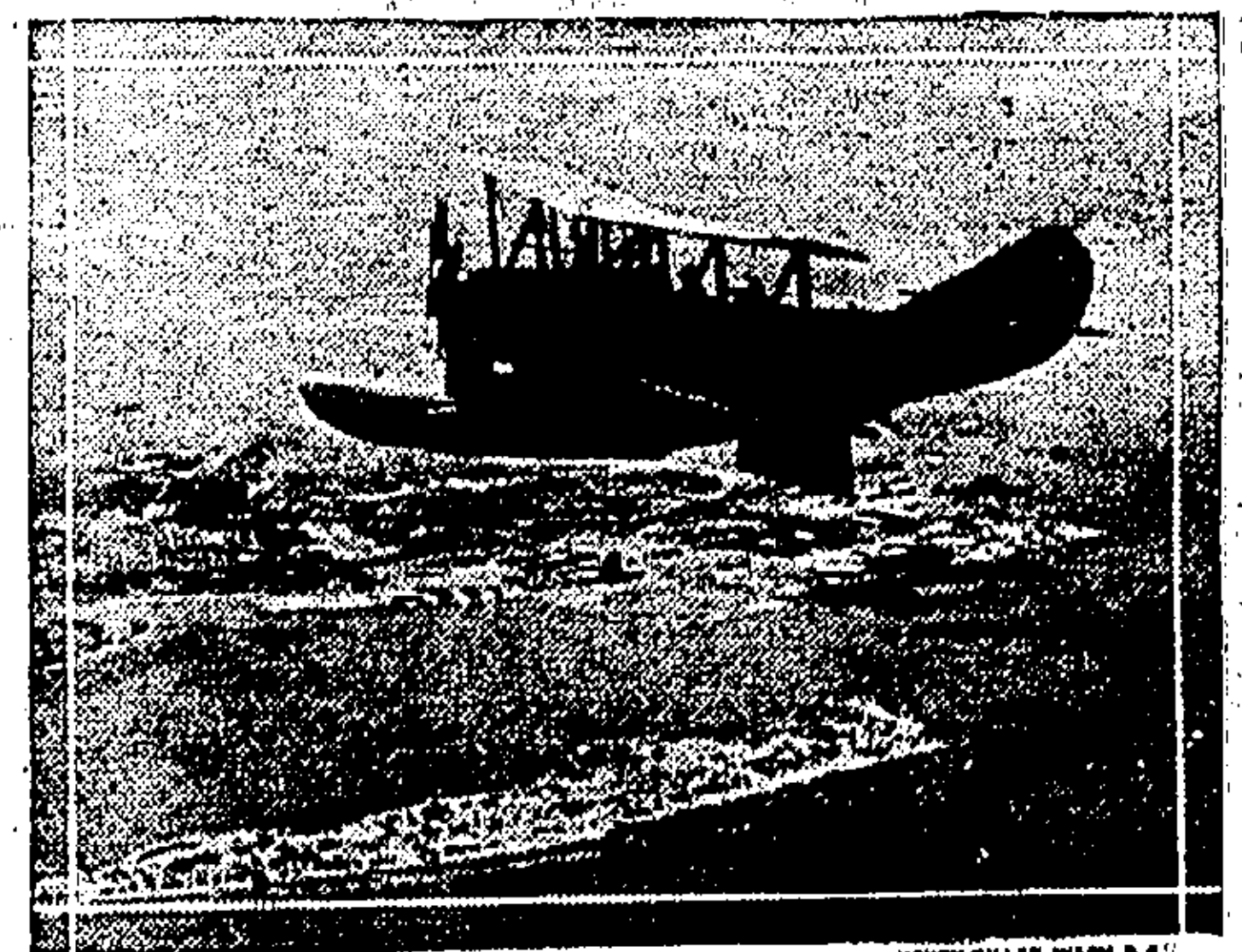
Here is a new picture of Mrs. Eleanor Mills, choir singer, who, with the Rev. Edward Hall, was murdered. This photo, taken a week before the murders, has just come to light.



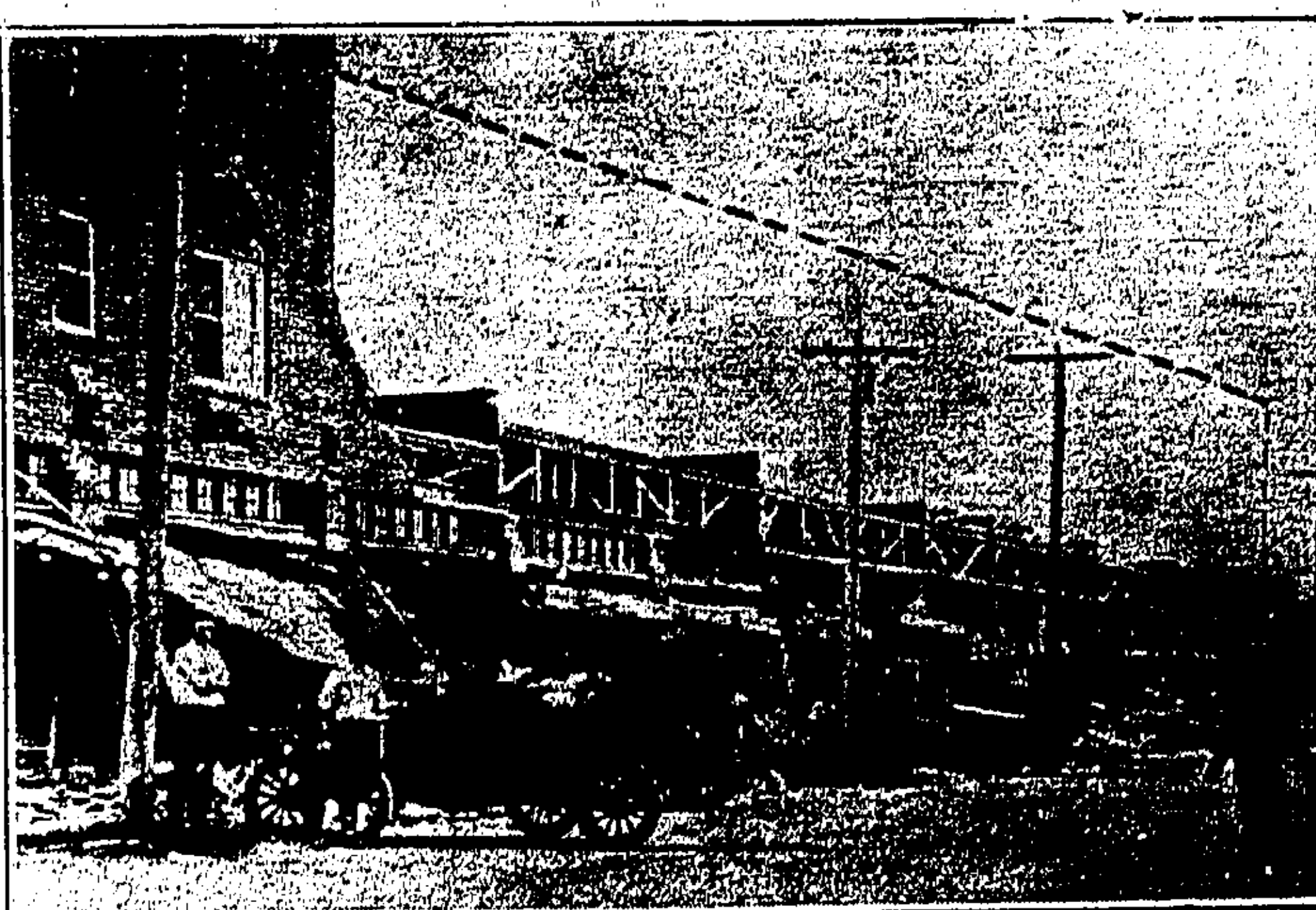
Miss Mary K. Browne, former holder of the women's singles tennis title, has turned professional, and will play against Suzanne Lenglen. Miss Browne held the women's title in 1913 and 1914, and at one time shared the mixed doubles title and the women's doubles title.



Count Samuel Dobrevna is a window washer in Los Angeles. The job pays \$8.50 a day, which is more than being a count in Russia pays now.



Loening amphibian plane in which officers of the Army Air Corps are training for their projected flight to Central and South American countries. Organization of the flight and training of the officers who will pilot the planes is rapidly nearing completion.



This picture from the west coast of Florida, shows how the tornado knocked off the second story from this Fort Myers building.



The gigantic aircraft carrier Lexington, latest addition to the United States Navy, launched a few weeks ago at the Fore River Shipbuilding Yards, cannot reach the ocean. After the craft was launched it was found that the channel from the yards to the ocean was too shallow for the giant ship, and now she rides at anchor off the yards, awaiting congressional action and appropriation for deepening the channel.

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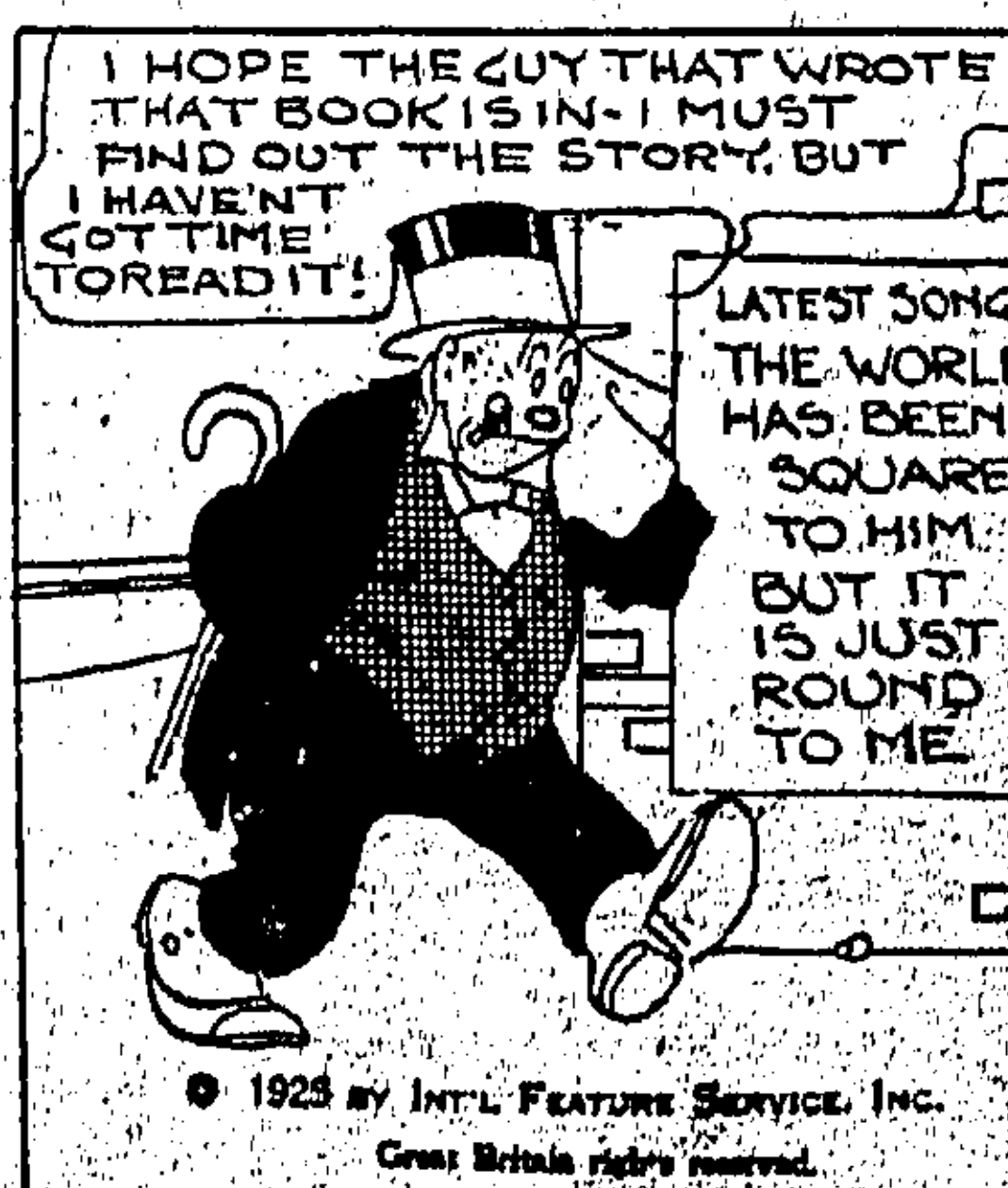
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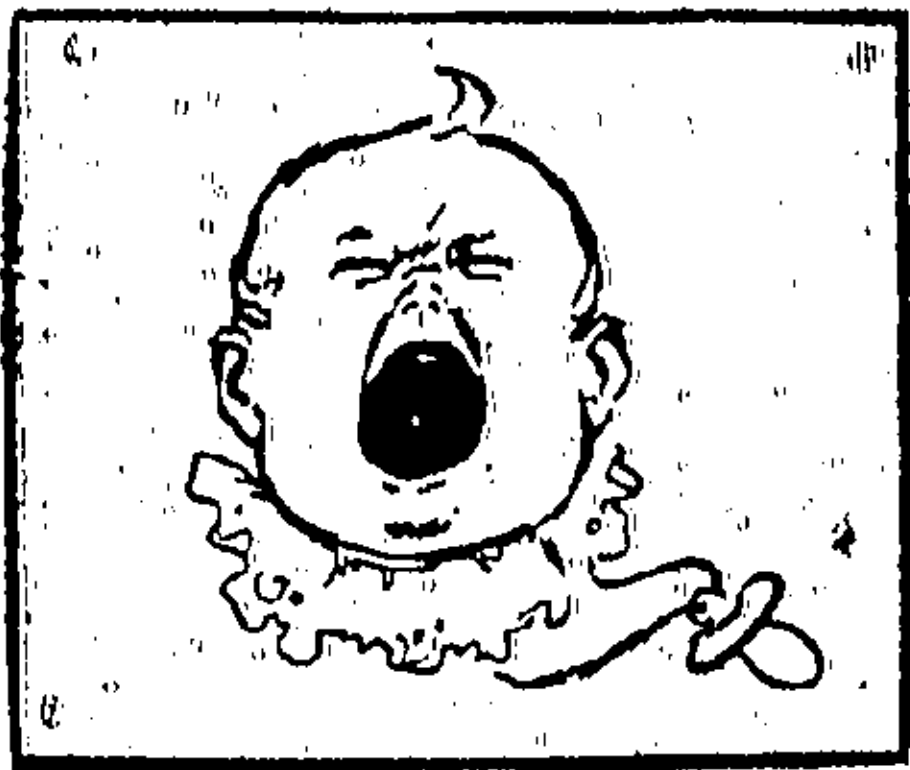
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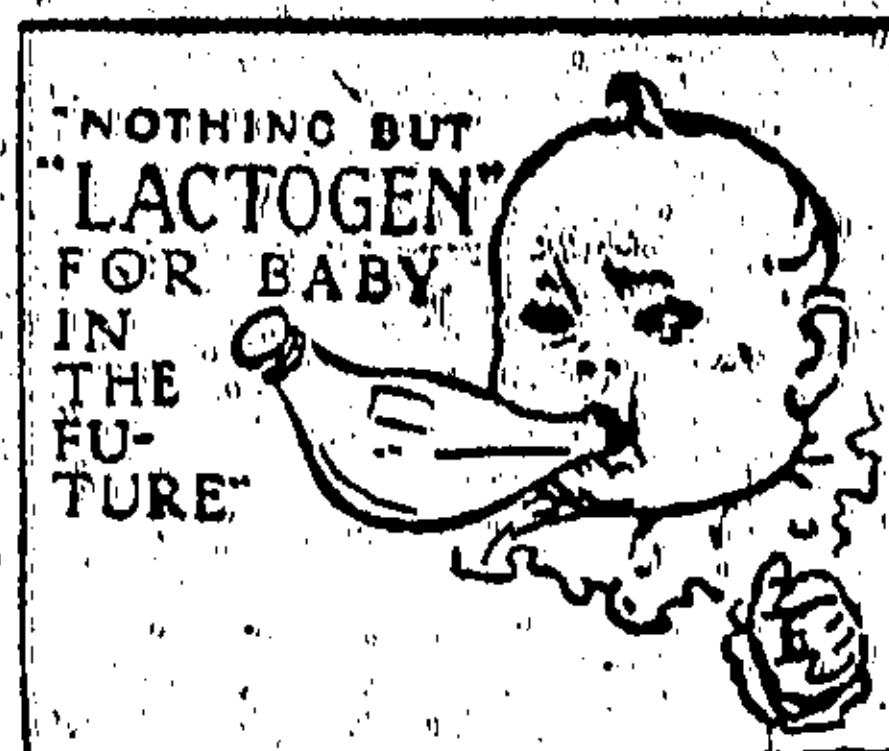




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Xmas letter and parcel mails for Canada and U.S.A. will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—

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STORM'S FURY.

WELSH MOUNTAIN ON MOVE.

FORTY HOUSES VACATED.

Rugby, Nov. 15. Wild weather, accompanied by a heavy rainfall swept the British Isles during the week-end, and in some parts considerable damage was done by flooding. Throughout Saturday the wind maintained the high average speed of 40 to 50 miles an hour, and on Sunday although the average was lower gusts of nearly 60 miles an hour were experienced in exposed parts. The outlook is unsettled, and a disturbance over the Atlantic which may develop into a deep cyclonic depression is approaching these shores.

Continuous rains on Friday and Saturday caused the subsidence of the mountain overlooking the Welsh village of Cwm, near Ebbwvale. On Saturday evening the river which drains the valley was found to be gradually leaving its original channel and making for itself a new course in the main road from Ebbwvale to Newport. Drastic measures were necessitated, including the blowing up of a huge concrete river wall and the retaining wall of a new school, into which the water had advanced. The effect was to save, temporarily at all events, the main road and a house abutting to it and the neighbouring street. The occupants of about forty houses were removed, and other householders warned of the danger. The position of the school is precarious, and a close watch is being kept on the movement of the mountain.

Damage by floods was caused in several parts of Scotland, and shipping all round the coast suffered a heavy buffeting. The crews of two vessels in distress were rescued off the Mull of Galloway.

Folkestone Harbour had to be closed to the cross-channel service which was diverted to Dover.

A Danish schooner went ashore on the Cornish coast, and the crew were rescued by life lines in the height of the storm.

A lifeboat and tug stood by the Norwegian cargo steamer "Agnes," which grounded near Lowestoft, but she was refloated later.—British Wireless Service.

WORLD COURT.

COOLIDGE'S ATTITUDE EXPLAINED.

New York, Nov. 15. "Why did President Coolidge go out of his way to raise the question of the world court and irritate Europe?" is the question agitating many newspapers, since the President's Kansas City speech.

This is answered in the "Herald Tribune," which is regarded as a semi-official organ, asserting that the President has reached a definite conclusion that the greatest service he can render to world peace is to effect a modification of international law, wherefor he will ask Congress to authorise the convocation of a conference.

Political observers are of opinion that thereby Mr. Coolidge will secure a powerful advantage in the electoral campaign, inasmuch as Mr. Borah and other irrecconcilables commend the plan, and the conference will appeal to a large body of idealists.—Reuter's American Service.

ARAB JAILED.

THE DEATH OF COBHAM'S MECHANIC.

Bagdad, Nov. 15. The Arab tribesman who fired the shot which killed Sir Alan Cobham's mechanic, Elliott, during the flight to Australia, has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

Rugby, November 16.—The new wavelengths for European broadcasting stations came into operation yesterday. Almost all wavelengths in Great Britain and Northern Ireland had been altered, but the change in London was so small as to make no appreciable difference to tuning. In regard to Continental stations, it is stated that listeners found that the change had effected a considerable improvement.—British Wireless Service.

NATIONAL CONCERN.

GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING SCHEME.

NEWS AND THE PRESS.

Rugby, Nov. 15. The Postmaster-General introduced in the House of Commons a supplementary estimate for the British Broadcasting Corporation, which is to take over on January 1 as a national concern the broadcasting services hitherto conducted by a private company.

He said it was not until broadcasting became something more than a scientific toy that statesmen began fully to realise the importance of regulating its further conduct.

It was in pursuance of the recommendations of the committee of inquiry, presided over by Lord Crawford, that the Government asked the House to set up the British Broadcasting Corporation. The charter was for ten years, and it was the Government's confident belief that the corporation would so discharge its duties that at the end of the period no other form of organisation would be thought desirable.

The Printed Page.

In regard to the relations between the new broadcasting Corporation and the Press, the Postmaster-General said objection had been taken to the Corporation being given powers to collect and distribute news from any source which might be found necessary.

Under the present arrangement, the Company was held "by agreement with the representatives of the Press under which the company was severely circumscribed. The governors designate of the Corporation proposed to continue this arrangement for a few months in order to afford time for discussions to continue between the Press and the new Corporation.

He was bound to say that the Corporation must possess ample and full powers in the collection and distribution of news, not for a position of privilege, but for a position of equality.

Apparently many newspapers took the view that the broadcasting of news affected the material interests of the Press. For his part he took the view that there would always be a demand for the printed page, and that that demand could be stimulated by the use of the broadcasting service.

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FEAR OF ITALY?

TURKEY SEEKS RUSSIA'S SUPPORT.

COMMENT IN PARIS.

Paris, Nov. 15.

The meeting of M. Chicherin, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, and Rushdi Bey, Turkish Foreign Minister, continues to be the subject of much comment, being regarded by the newspapers as indicating Turkey's fear of Fascist Italy.

The "Echo de Paris" scouts the idea of the forming of a Pan-Asiatic league out of such incongruous elements.—Reuter.

[An earlier message stated: Rushdi Bey, interviewed on his departure for home said that the relations between Turkey and Russia were not merely cordial but they were fraternal. The recent meeting was the result of a new consolidation of friendly relations; nevertheless the principles of Turkish foreign policy and friendly relations with all countries were unchanged.]

JAVA REVOLT.

COMMUNIST OUTBREAK CONTROLLED.

RED PARTY'S CHARGES.

Amsterdam, Nov. 15.

Latest messages from Batavia with regard to the Java Communist outbreak, report that the situation is practically everywhere controlled, and arrests continue.

The small influential Communist Party of the Netherlands has telegraphed the Colonial Minister and Jonkheer De Graeff, the new Governor of the Dutch Indies, ascribing the disorders to the alleged maladministration of Dr. Fock, the former Governor.—Reuter.

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